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BJP set to kick-start poll preparations
BENGALURU
As the convention to mark the anniversary of the BJP government in Karnataka has finally been scheduled for September 10 — after two postponements — the ruling party strategists are keen to use it as a launching pad for formally commencing the party's preparations for Assembly elections that are seven months away.
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Milk producers seek increase in price
BENGALURU
Seeking an increase in price of milk by ₹5 a litre, milk producers from southern districts are set to take out a rally in Bengaluru on September 22. The KMF's attempt to raise milk price has been spiked by the government at least three times in the recent months.
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Protest against temple construction at BU
BENGALURU
Students and faculty members of Bangalore University staged a protest in front of the university's head office on Thursday against the construction of a temple on the Jnana Bharathi campus.
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India, China troops disengage at LAC friction point in Ladakh

Pullback begins from Patrolling Point-15 in the Gogra-Hotsprings area

DINAKAR PERI
NEW DELHI

India and China on Thursday announced that their Armies have begun to disengage from Patrolling Point-15 in the Gogra-Hotsprings area of eastern Ladakh, marking a step forward towards ending the stand-off ongoing since May 2020.

The move comes ahead of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Uzbekistan next week, in which Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping are expected to participate. However, neither side has, so far, confirmed if the two leaders would hold bilateral talks on the sidelines of the summit. The leaders have not spoken to each other since a November 2019 meeting during the BRICS Summit in Brasilia and the beginning of the stand-off in April 2020.

"On September 08, 2022, according to the consensus reached in the 16th round of India China Corps Commander Level Meeting, the Indian and Chinese troops in the area of Gogra-Hotsprings (PP-15) have begun to disengage in a coordinated and planned way, which is conducive to the peace and tranquillity in the border areas," the two sides said in a joint statement issued on Thursday. The consensus was reached at the Corps Commander level and the ground commanders on both sides had worked out the modalities which were now being implemented, a defence official said.

Conflict zone: An Army convoy carrying military material on its way to Ladakh amid the stand-off with China, in this file photo. • PTI

The disengagement began on Thursday morning and was under way, the official said, adding that further details on the modalities were being awaited.

The 16th round of talks was held on July 17 at the Chushul border personnel meeting point on the Indian side.

As per the understanding reached earlier on disengagement, a buffer zone is to be created at the friction points once troops are withdrawn by both sides and new patrolling norms are to be worked out after complete disengagement and de-escalation.

16 round of talks

Since the stand-off began in May 2020, the two sides have so far held 16 rounds of talks, with disengagement undertaken from both sides of Pangong Tso in February 2021, and from PP-17 in the Gogra-Hotsprings area in August, in addition to Galwan in 2020 after the violent clash. The friction points that remain now are Demchok and Depsang, which China has constantly refused to accept, maintaining that they are not a part of the current stand-off.

India will continue to press for complete disengagement and de-escalation from all the friction areas and the Corps Commander-level talks would continue, officials stated.

Earlier, both sides had undertaken partial disengagement from PP15 and 17A in July 2020 after disengagement from PP14 in Galwan, but the process was stalled after the aggressive actions on the south Bank of Pangong Tso in August 2020.

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Longest-reigning monarch of U.K., Elizabeth II, dead

Charles III takes over, says she was a 'cherished' queen

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN
LONDON

Britain's longest-reigning monarch, Queen Elizabeth II, died on Thursday at the age of 96. Her death at her Scottish estate, Balmoral Castle, was announced by Buckingham Palace shortly after 6 p.m. on Thursday.

"The Queen died peacefully at Balmoral this afternoon," a statement from the palace said. "The King and The Queen Consort will remain at Balmoral this evening and will return to London tomorrow," it read, referring to the former Prince of Wales, Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall, Camilla.

Just on Tuesday the Queen had ceremonially appointed the country's 56th Prime Minister, Liz Truss — the 15th during her reign.

On Thursday morning, the palace said the Queen had been placed under "medical supervision" at her Balmoral Castle.

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SC fixes 3 key questions for examining EWS quota

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

A Constitution Bench led by Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit on Thursday finalised three cardinal issues for examining whether the 103rd Constitutional Amendment, which provides 10% quota to economically weaker sections (EWS) of society in government jobs and educational institutions, violates the Basic Structure of the Constitution.

The five-judge Bench, also comprising Justices S. Ravindra Bhat, Dinesh Maheshwari, S.B. Pardiwala and Bela Trivedi, will start hearing the arguments from September 13.

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India ranks 132 in HDI as score drops

JAGRITI CHANDRA
NEW DELHI

India ranks 132 out of 191 countries in the Human Development Index (HDI) 2021, after registering a decline in its score over two consecutive years for the first time in three decades.

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A portion of busy road near Sankey Tank caves in

BBMP officials say heavy rain caused the sinkhole

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

As the city limped back towards normalcy after suffering vast damages from the downpour over the last few days, a portion of the busy road near Sankey Tank caved in on Wednesday, resulting in a sinkhole a few feet wide, causing traffic to pile up, until the hole was closed by the BBMP.

Officials from the civic body said the heavy rain caused the sinkhole.

"There were no other issues. We have immediately filled the hole so that there will be no traffic snarls on the stretch," officials added on Thursday.

"With excessive rain, water carries soil particles to the lowest level, causing a cavity below the road surface. Now the sinkhole is filled with sand, boulders, wet mix macadam," an official explained.

Work under way to repair the road near Sankey Tank that caved in on Thursday. • THE HINDU

No untoward incidents were reported due to the sinkhole, said BBMP officials. This comes after a similar cave-in was reported on one of the roads after many roads got a facelift for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the city in June this year.

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War of words breaks out over 'Brand Bengaluru'

BJP leader accuses Mohandas Pai of 'tarnishing city's image'

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

As citizens picked up the pieces after the rains abated, blame game and a tussle over 'Brand Bengaluru' began on Thursday.

After industrialist Mohandas Pai criticised the Bengaluru city infrastructure following the damage due to heavy rains, N.R. Ramesh, Bengaluru South District president of the BJP, wrote an open letter accusing Mr. Pai of "tarnishing the city's image" through a social media campaign with the hashtag '#SaveBengaluru'.

In a long letter, the BJP leader has accused Information Technology industries in the city as the reason for the current situation of flooding, alleging that major IT companies have constructed their buildings on storm-water drains and their buffer zones. "The width of the primary drains and secondary drains of the rajakaluves have been completely encroached on or diverted during these constructions of IT companies," Mr. Ramesh alleged in the letter.

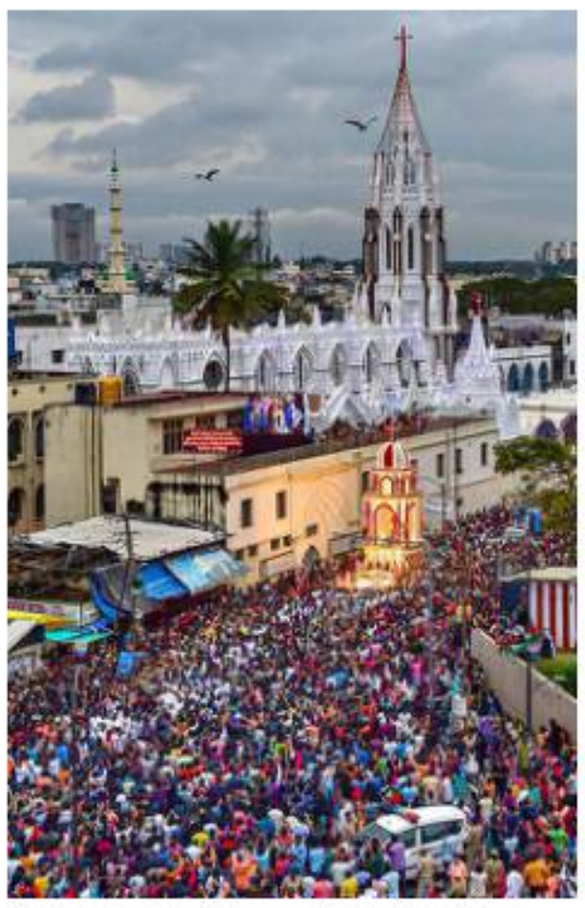
- #LeaveBengaluru trends after a few residents, who have migrated to Bengaluru from other parts of the country, criticised the city's infrastructure woes on social media.

Meanwhile, on Thursday, a war of words broke out on social media, especially on micro blogging site Twitter, making #LeaveBengaluru trend with many netizens asking those who have moved to the city to "go back".

The hashtag started after IT hub Bengaluru made headlines in the past two days after incessant rains that left several parts of the city, especially the IT corridor in east Bengaluru, flooded. The hashtag started trending after a few residents, who have migrated to Bengaluru from other parts of the country, criticised the city's infrastructure woes.

Opposing this, a few "locals" retorted that the "migrants" have to be blamed for the present condition.

Sea of people



Devotees turned up in large numbers to witness the car festival of St. Mary's Basilica at Shivajinagar in Bengaluru on Thursday. • PTI

Premature heart attack seen in 15% of young patients at Jayadeva

The cardiac care institution has recorded 22% increase in incidence of heart attack among youngsters in the last 10 years

AFSHAN YASMEEN
BENGALURU

An analysis of 5,000 patients seen at the State-run Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences in the last five years – all aged below 40 – revealed that over 30% of the cases did not face any conventional risk factors or family history. While 51% were smokers and 10% had high conventional risk factors, 15% had a strong family history of premature heart attack, indicating that there is some definite genetic predisposition.

In fact, the premier cardiac care institution has recorded a 22% increase in the incidence of heart attacks among youngsters in the last 10 years.

Attributing this trend to multiple risk factors, including conventional factors such as diabetes, smoking, sedentary lifestyles, and family history, doctors said stress, air and soil pollution also had a great impact. Proper and early risk factor and lifestyle management is the key to prevent cardiovascular problems, doctors said.

COVID factor

Underlining the need for stress management, institute director C.N. Manjunath told *The Hindu* that stress levels were best assessed by the individuals themselves. "COVID-19 has added to the stress and we have seen a marginal rise in the number of patients reporting cardiac issues post COVID-19," he said.

"While heart attack-related disease (coronary heart disease) is coming down in Europe, United States of America, and Japan, it is high in India mainly because of stress and sedentary lifestyle. Even school-going children and their mothers are under tremendous stress. In fact, a child's education has become a mother's examination," the doctor said.

"We have to focus on preventive interventions from childhood. Policymakers have to take a call and in my opinion, schools should function between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at least till second standard. Otherwise stress begins from childhood," he said.

"Those with a strong family history of heart attack and multiple comorbidities should take precautions and undergo regular medical checks. Apart from quitting smoking and alcohol and keeping diabetes and BP under control, stress management is extremely important," the doctor explained.

Asserting the need for workplace wellness, Dr. Manjunath said workplaces should have leaders and not bosses.

"There has to be a cordial atmosphere and good work should be complimented. Only medicine cannot reduce stress or disease," he said.

Dr. Manjunath said some people have an excessive tendency for clot formation in their bodies.

"In those with no conventional risk factors, a heart attack cannot be predicted as there is a sudden rupture of plaque in the arteries. There is no indication even a minute before the attack. It is unfortunate that only a lucky few (around 10%) make it to the hospital and survive," he said.

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CPR training needed

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

There is a need to create awareness and train non-medical people about cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), said C.N. Manjunath, director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research. CPR is an emergency procedure that can help save a person's life if breathing or heart stops. "We need to have some people trained in CPR in malls, public places, gated communities, apartments, and gyms. At Jayadeva, we are training all our employees in batches," he said.

BMTC MoU with Jayadeva

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) last month entered into a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences to get cardiac evaluation done for all its employees aged above 45. "We have started looking at the health status of BMTC drivers and are evaluating 150 employees every week. We plan to cover all the employees in the next nine months," said C.N. Manjaunth, institute director.

Authority to address traffic woes on the anvil

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The government has decided to form a separate authority to manage traffic woes in and around Bengaluru, and a Bill to enable its formation will be tabled in the coming session of the State Legislature, announced Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai.

Talking to reporters after attending a meeting chaired by Union Surface Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari here on Thursday on Bengaluru's roads and traffic density, he said projects have been undertaken by multiple agencies, including National Highways Authority of India, BBMP, BDA, BMRDA and PWD, and a holistic approach is needed for better coordination. Railways and Metro will be made part of the authority for traffic management, he said.

"The cooperation of the Government of India has been sought in this effort, as several national highways pass through Bengaluru city," said the Chief Minister.

Mr. Bommai said the railway station at Baiyappanahalli will use multipurpose pillar construction technology that is useful for metro, flyover and road.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

On a decline

132 India's rank out of 191 countries in the 2021 human development index, according to a report released by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). India's HDI value of 0.633 places the country in the medium human development category, lower than its value of 0.645 in the 2020 report. India ranked 131 in the 2020 human development index. Human development — a measure of a nation's health, education, and average income — has declined for two years in a row — 2020 and 2021. PTI

Cattle deaths

57,000 The number of cattle that died so far due to lumpy skin disease across the country. Lumpy skin disease (LSD) is a contagious viral disease that affects cattle and causes fever, nodules on the skin and can also lead to death. The disease gets spread by mosquitoes, flies, lice, and wasps by direct contact among the cattle, and through contaminated food and water. LSD has spread in around seven States, including Gujarat, Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh. PTI

Market rally

282.66 In lakh crore, the market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms reached an all-time high due to a rebound in equities. The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 659.31 points to settle at 59,688.22, after falling in the previous two trading days. The bounce back in equities helped the market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms jump to 282.66 lakh crore. Tech Mahindra, Axis Bank, ICICI Bank and Mahindra & Mahindra emerged as the biggest gainers among Sensex stocks. PTI

Freezing energy bills

2,500 In GBP, the maximum annual cap on energy bills of households announced by British Prime Minister Liz Truss on Thursday to address the country's cost-of-living crisis. In her first announcement, she said her measures would save people £1,000 a year based on expected energy prices. This is because the energy price cap set for companies as a maximum limit they can charge customers was due to rise from the current level of £1,971 to £3,549 in October. PTI

ECB hikes rates

75 The basis points by which the European Central Bank (ECB) raised interest rates on Thursday to tame runaway inflation. The European Central Bank moves rates by a quarter point and had never raised its key bank lending rate by three-quarters of a point since the euro's launch in 1999. The jumbo increase is aimed at raising the cost of borrowing for consumers, governments and businesses, which in theory slows spending and investment and cools off the soaring consumer prices by reducing the demand for goods. AGENCIES

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WORLD INSIGHT

Why the U.S. mid-term election matters

While checks and balances are inherent in the U.S. governance system, the risk of gridlock and the menace of gerrymandering has imperilled substantive democracy in the country

THE GIST

- In the U.S. mid-term elections which will be held on November 8, every one of the 435 seats in the House of Representatives and 35 — slightly more than one-third — of the 100 seats in the Senate will be up for grabs.
- At the federal level, the stakes are high for Democrats to retain their grip on both houses of Congress. While earlier this year, it appeared that the Republican Party held the edge in many of the races slated for November, the Supreme Court ruling against the constitutional right to abortion as enshrined in *Roe vs Wade* is expected to galvanise liberals across the board.
- Currently, 39 out of 50 U.S. States do not have any bipartisan independent commissions, which leaves lawmakers in these States free to gerrymander and undermine the election process significantly.

World Insight is a new section in Text & Context that will focus on understanding issues of public significance in countries around the world.

NARAYAN LAKSHMAN

Background: The U.S. mid-term elections will be held on November 8, 2022. In this election, every one of the 435 seats in the House of Representatives and 35 – slightly more than one-third – of the 100 seats in the Senate will be up for grabs. Alongside the election of these lawmakers in Washington, 39 state, gubernatorial and a range of other local contests will be on the cards.

A major redistricting exercise happened following the 2020 census, in which the boundaries of voting districts were redrawn by state authorities, amidst controversy relating to gerrymandering allegations, in some cases.

At the federal level, the stakes are high for Democrats to retain their grip on both houses of Congress. While earlier this year, it appeared that the Republican Party held the edge in many of the races slated for November, the Supreme Court ruling against the constitutional right to abortion as enshrined in *Roe vs Wade* is expected to galvanise liberals across the board and potentially lead to significantly higher turnouts on election day.

The Congressional inquiry into the January 6, 2021, riots and assault on the Capitol building by alleged supporters of former president Donald Trump, and the seizure of classified documents from Mr. Trump's mansion in Mar-a-Lago, Florida, have further muddied the prospects for Republican candidates who leaned on Mr. Trump for support. Nevertheless, many of the races in the mid-term elections remain close, as U.S. President Joe Biden still polls poorly across the nation for his performance in office, inflation and recessionary concerns for the economy remain, and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has still not worked its way out of the system as yet.

Overview of U.S. government structure

The U.S. political system is characterised by the tripartition of power across organs of the state. After the war to establish independence from the Great Britain, in its effort to set up political institutions for governance, the U.S. borrowed from the ideas of French philosopher, Montesquieu, who in 1748 spoke of a division of power to ensure that no single person or group could assume autocratic authority owing to a system of checks and balances between executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government.

In the U.S. context, these three branches are represented by, respectively, the President, Congress and the courts led by the Supreme Court. However, there is an important difference in the balance of power between these three arms of the state in the U.S., as compared to parliamentary democracies such as India. In India, the executive draws its very authority to make policy from its majority control of Parliament, and the proximity of this relationship implies that there is no realistic scenario where Parliament may overrule the actions of the Executive, which is the Cabinet led by the Prime Minister.

Gerrymandering

Electoral boundaries are usually a cause of heated dispute, especially since Elbridge Gerry, Governor of Massachusetts in 1810, tried to arrange his to enhance his vote.

- The shape of Ferry's proposed changes looked like a salamander when drawn on the state map — hence the coining of the word **gerrymandering** for such unfair manipulation. But Gerry's reputation survived. He went on to become U.S. Vice-President

SOURCE: MARIS ROSS @GRAPHIC NEWS

However, in the U.S., not only is the President empowered to veto legislation passed in Congress, but the President's power is circumscribed by Congress's power to vote out, by a two thirds majority, a presidential veto of a law that it had passed. Further, Congress controls budget appropriations which essentially gives it the levers to control what the White House can and cannot do in terms policy – effectively setting limits to presidential power yet again. Simultaneously, U.S. presidents enjoy a certain amount of autonomy from Congress as they are not members of Congress as such but are elected indirectly by the people, through the electoral college.

On the other hand, U.S. courts possess the power to constrain the reach of Congressional legislation by, where the situation warrants it, declaring laws passed by Congress unconstitutional. They also have the power to declare presidential actions as unconstitutional in scenarios where it is believed that the President has acted beyond the scope of their legitimate authority.

Thus, all three branches of the U.S. government enjoy a balance of autonomy and limitations of powers imposed by the other two branches, which establishes a robust system of checks and balances and differentiates the balance of power and functioning of U.S. state institutions from those of parliamentary democracies.

Potential for gridlock

The flip side of strong checks and balances is the increased risk of gridlock whereby the very functioning of the U.S. government can be seriously stymied. This is often seen in the case of federal shutdowns leading to the furlough of many thousands of government employees, or of major hurdles to the passage of landmark legislation such as the Affordable Care Act spearheaded by the Barack Obama administration in 2010. In each such case, the resolution of the policy crisis has required adroit dealmaking, essentially pork-barrel politics to appease various Senators or Congressmen, a modality that undermines the effectiveness and credibility of the Executive.

The sense of stalemate at the federal level, particularly in Congress, is deepened by what is known as small State bias. This bias, an institutional deficit in the U.S. electoral system, stems from the fact that there is a growing chasm between the rapidly growing, densely populated and increasingly diverse States along the two coasts of the U.S. and the more numerous yet considerably more homogenous, sparsely populated States in the hinterland. Given that under the U.S. constitution only two Senators are allocated to each State regardless of its population, large States such as California have the same number of representatives in the Upper House as, for example, Wyoming, which is the U.S.'s least populous State.

This means that just to break even in the 100-seat Senate, Democrats need to win a far greater proportion of the national vote than the Republicans. Consider the example of the evenly split present Senate, where 50 Democratic Senators represent 56.5% of the voters, but the 50 Republican Senators represent only 43.5% of the voters. As analysts have noted, in the 2018 mid-term elections, Democrats won nearly 18 million more Senate election votes than the Republicans, but the Republicans still gained two seats, with major implications for policy. The correction of this small State bias would require political heavy lifting to bring about constitutional amendments that allowed for a greater measure of proportional representation for Congress.

The House of Representatives does reflect the demographic realities of the country, in that Congressional districts for the election of its members are based on population size. However, the precise demarcation of each district's boundary makes a significant difference to electoral outcomes as within each district a first-past-the-post – rather than proportional voting – system is followed where the majority winner claims the House seat for that district.

Concerns surrounding gerrymandering

While redistricting, the process of redrawing electoral boundaries is an exercise conducted across U.S. congressional and state legislative districts every decade, following the publication of the results of the population census, gerrymandering or making calculated political gains through redistricting is a blight on the functioning of substantive democracy in the U.S.

The movement of Democratic supporters into urban areas, and the movement of Republicans to rural areas with far lower population density is a well-established long-term demographic trend. Given this skewed geographic distribution of voters over time, Republican Party lawmakers have discovered political gains in including or excluding cities in a district with a relatively larger proportion of rural voters depending on the density of Democratic residents.

The deep concerns surrounding gerrymandering came to the fore after the 2020 census results were announced in August 2021, a delayed outcome owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. In its wake, several 'swing States', or States that have historically switched between voting Republican and Democrat, including Georgia, North Carolina and Ohio, Republican state legislators have managed to gerrymander electoral districts to create "supermajorities" where none existed before, posing a challenge to the legitimate authority of the Democratic Governor of the State in question.

In such a scenario, short of moving the courts on redistricting methodologies, the political process leaves Democrats with few options to impact policymaking, thus undermining the representation of the people by their government. As noted earlier, the U.S. Congress is virtually gridlocked on major policy issues, leaving vital questions in areas such as reproductive rights, gun control and healthcare reform in the hands of state authorities to implement or not as they choose. Abortion rights, for example, have now been entirely handed over to U.S. States to implement or not, as they will. This makes gerrymandering a factor of serious concern.

Before the Voting Rights Act of 1965 passed into law, redistricting was driven by 'packing,' the attempt to redraw electoral district maps to ensure that a larger proportion of a specific demographic group, such as African American voters, is 'packed' into a single or a few districts, blunting their ability to decisively determine an electoral outcome. Until the second half of the 20th century, Southern States especially controlled the impact of the African American voter through such means. The other side of the coin to packing is 'cracking,' a process through which lawmakers break down the bunching together of certain voters who would support their opponents' party, and spread them more thinly across several districts, thus diluting their vote.

Ultimately, it is only when bipartisan independent commissions are given control over redistricting that the process stands a chance of being rebalanced fairly towards representing only genuine changes in population distribution. Currently, 39 out of 50 U.S. States do not have any such independent body deciding this matter, leaving lawmakers in these States free to gerrymander and undermine the election process significantly.

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Rain fury brings back focus on need for elected BBMP council

Citizens say they don't know whom to contact during distress

DARSHAN DEVAIAH B.P.
BENGALURU

As Bengaluru recovers from the aftermath of heavy rain over the last few days, citizens and activists are pointing to the need for elected councillors, saying their absence in the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is now creating a distance between citizens and the city corporation.

Citizens are not aware of whom to contact during distress as officials are non-responsive, while there have not been councillors from the last two years. Not just this; according to residents, earlier, when the elected corporation was present with the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor, they use to hold several meetings regarding rain preparedness and go to the ground and work. But officials have not been doing this, allege civic activists.

"Without elected representation, the grievances of citizens are not reaching the municipal body. This is also one of the important reasons that Bengaluru was not able to handle the rain-related crises very well this time. The redressal mechanism by bureaucrats is not doing well as they are not answerable to people. Only elected representatives are answerable and they (councillors) know that people give them power. Hence, they work for the people," said Tara Krishnaswamy, founder of Political Shakti and Citizens for Bengaluru.

A woman uses a makeshift raft to cross a flooded area at Munnekolala slum in Bengaluru on Thursday. •PTI

The previous BBMP council's term ended in September 2020 and for almost two years, the city administration is run by bureaucrats. People have to depend on officials and when they are not responding, they are knocking on the doors of MLAs. "During the Bengaluru flood situation, bureaucrats did not respond and people, without any option left, reached the MLAs. If there was an elected municipal body, the councillors would handle the situation. This only shows that it is high time the BBMP elections were held," Ms. Krishnaswamy added.

Accountability

Former councillors also feel that they could have handled the situation better by coordinating with various agencies in their respective wards. A former councillor from the Congress said, "We councillors are elected by people, and we have to be helping the people who have elected us in fear that if we don't address their grievance, we will lose the next election. But bureaucrats have nothing to do with the people; they only think of pleasing their superiors. This is only enough to say why we need an elected council."

He further said that the intention of the 74th Amendment of the Constitution, which gives power to the local government, has also been forgotten by the government.

The councillors represent the municipal ward and it is their duty to raise and resolve civic issues within the ward. Many former councillors have also helped people even when not in power during the flood-like situation in the city, said a former BJP councillor. "We don't have power, but we had to respond to people's calls during the rain fury and make necessary arrangements from our pocket. Why we are doing this to help people and also win their trust in us," he said.

Ex-CM inspects rain-battered IT corridor

Previous Cong. govt. had removed majority of encroachments: Siddaramaiah

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly Siddaramaiah on Thursday inspected rain-affected areas in Mahadevapura zone of the city and listened to the grievances of residents of different residential layouts where normal life has been badly hit following flooding.

Mr. Siddaramaiah met residents of Epsilon Residential Complex, Disha Apartments, and B.M. Glorietta Apartment, and met people at Varthur, Siddapura, Mahadevapura, and other localities on the IT corridor and gathered information on damage caused by rain.

Accompanied by Ramalinga Reddy, MLA, the former Chief Minister also met family members of Akhila, who was electrocuted after slipping in a flooded street at Whitefield on Monday night. He paid compensation of ₹1 lakh to the family.

Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly Siddaramaiah at a flood-affected area in Bengaluru on Thursday. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Mr. Siddaramaiah blasted officials of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike when they said it was the responsibility of Bangalore Electricity Supply Company to pay compensation to the victim's family.

He claimed that the Congress government led by him surveyed encroachments on raja kaluves and identified 1,953 encroachments. Out of 1,953 encroachments, 1,300 were removed. The government had not been able to remove all encroachments following the end of its term in 2018, the Congress leader claimed.

On the allegation of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai that maladministration of the Congress government led to flooding in the IT corridor, the former Chief Minister said Aravind Limbavali of the BJP was representing the Mahadevapura Assembly constituency for the third time. "Did Mr. Limbavali allow encroachments in the constituency?" he asked. The Congress leader said he would raise the issue in the legislature next week.

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IN BRIEF

Convocation today

BENGALURU

As many as 1,144 students will be conferred with various degrees during the 56th convocation of the University of Agricultural Sciences-Bangalore to be held on the GKVK campus on Friday.

FROM PAGE ONE

Portion of busy road near Sankey Tank caves in

The sinkhole appeared in a road ahead of Nagarabhavi Circle near the Dr. B. R. Ambedkar School of Economics University, Bengaluru, campus that Mr. Modi inaugurated. The BBMP had blamed it on water leakage from a Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) pipeline that had loosened the soil, causing a sinkhole.

BBMP officials said sinkholes usually appear after rain or leakage in water or sewage below the road. In a rare case, a sinkhole had appeared in 2021 on Tannery Road near a building during metro tunnelling work just 100 metres away from the alignment of the underground tunnel of Namma Metro.

Man killed in hit-and-run case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A 28-year-old scooter rider was killed in a hit-and-run case reported on Muthyalamma flyover on MES ring road in the wee hours of Thursday.

The deceased, Sachin Hebbare, was going towards Hebbal when the accident occurred around 2.30 a.m. The Jalahalli traffic police suspect that the unidentified vehicle knocked down the scooter and ran over the rider, killing him on the spot.

Passers-by, who noticed the accident, alerted the police, who shifted the body to M.S. Ramaiah hospital for post-mortem. The police are gathering CCTV footage from in and around the area to identify the vehicle.

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GRANT OF LEASE FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF TWO LAND PARCELS NAMED PARCEL 'A' = 7,521.45 SQM AND PARCEL 'B' = 7,831.23 SQM OF RAILWAY LAND SITUATED ON STATION ROAD NEAR SHRI MATA VAISHNO DEVI KATRA RAILWAY STATION FOR 45 YEARS

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(Online Pre-bid meeting details to be obtained from Dy. General Manager/Projects/Chandigarh)
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Note:- Any Corrigendum or Addendum shall be published only on RLDA's Website. ARA/Tender/ (M) 87595 54811

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our Client Mr.Samuel Johnson S/o.Mr.S. Bhagyanathan No.5, 3rd Cross, Trinity Orchard, Janaki Ram Layout, Hennur Main Road, Bangalore-560043, is intending to purchase the Scheduled Property from Dr.Rebecca Thomas and her Husband Dr.K.T.Thomas. Any person/s objecting for said Purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which, our client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing portion of Site Nos. 9, 10, 11 and 12, presently bearing Khatha No.1941/1, Sl. No.2773 as per Form B Property register BBMP Mahadevapura Zone, Horamavu Ward (previously being Portion of H.L. Katha No.1941/1, Situated at : Horamavu Agara Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Measuring East by 59 feet 8 inches, West by 65 Feet, North by 75 Feet and South by 79 Feet 3 Inches, in all totally Measuring 4808 Square Feet, along with a residential building standing thereon and bounded on the:
East by : Remaining portion of Vendors Land, West by : Private Property, North by : 25 Feet Road, South by : Private Property
C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.,
Advocates & Legal Consultants
Bangalore-560 043. Contact : 9845846428

PUBLIC NOTICE
The General Public are hereby notified that my client Mrs.CHITRA. H. S. W/o. Mr.Ramesh.K.N., Residing at No.47/5, old No.22, 2nd Cross, 3rd Main Road, Kalyanagar, Nagarabhavi Main Road, Bengaluru-560072, has agreed to purchase and enter into Agreement of Sale from its owner Kumari. Sanjeetha Madhu. D/o Sri.Madhusudhan Rao.
Apart from the said owner " if any other person/s have any manner of rights, title, interest or ownership or claim or Charge or lien over the schedule Property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the schedule Property by the aforesaid owner, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photo copies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 20 (twenty)days from the date of publication of this notice, objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my client.
Schedule Property
All the piece and parcel of the Vacant Site bearing Municipal No.47(Forty-Seven), PID No.38-94-47, Situated at 2nd Cross, 3rd Main Road, Kalyananagar, Bengaluru, Previously Site bearing No.22, Khatha No.1124, formed in Assessment(Vr No.101 of Nagarabhavi village, Ward No.127, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West : 45-0 feet, North to South : 31-0 Feet and bounded on:-
East by : 5 Feet Passage in Site No.01, West by : Road, North by : 5 Feet Passage left towards Site No.1, then Site No.22A belongs to Jayamma. South by : Site No.21.
P.V. Shiva Kumar (Advocate)
#.133, 2nd Stage, 1st Block,
1st Main Road, Nagarabhavi,
Bengaluru-560072.
Cell: 9900825901/ 9844376131

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
ROAD CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT
ROAD DIVISION, DUMKA
CORRIGENDUM
2nd Call RE TENDER REFERENCE No.- RCD/DUMKA/1749
P.R. No. 276477 (Road)22-23#(D)
NAME OF THE WORK - Strengthening Work of Dalahi to Ranibahal Road (MDR-199) 0.00 Km to 26.750 Km for the year 2022-23
CORRIGENDUM DETAIL

1	Date of publication of tender on website	19.09.2022 at 10.30AM in place of 09.09.2022 at 10.30 A.M. (SN-5)
2	Last date/time for receipt of bids	10.10.2022 Up to 12.00 Noon in place of 19.09. 2022 Up to 12.00 Noon (SN-4)

Other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.
Executive Engineer
Road Construction Department,
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PR 277326 Road(22-23)D

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Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Bengaluru Division, South Western Railway, Bengaluru - 560023 on behalf of the President of India, invites sealed applications for appointment of Halt Agent from educated unemployed persons residing in and around the Hoodi Train Halt Station for issuing unreserved tickets on Commission Basis for a period of five (05) years or till up-gradation of the station whichever is earlier.

Sl.	Station	Section	To Start functioning from
1	Hoodi	KJM-WFD	Date will be notified by the Administration.

The application form and Eligibility / General Terms and Conditions etc., can be downloaded from website : www.swr.indianrailways.gov.in
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Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Bengaluru
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PUBLIC NOTICE
I/We, Vinita Griha Nirman Pvt. Ltd. having office at No. 3, 'Salarpuria Windsor', 4th Floor, Ulsoor Road, Bengaluru - 560 042 represented by its authorised representative Mr. Ashwin Sancheti declare that the Company has lost/misplaced the original documents more fully listed below pertaining to land bearing No. 42/A, measuring 9292.50 Sq.ft & 42/B, measuring 9000 Sq.ft, 1st Main Road, 3rd Phase, JP Nagar, Industrial Layout, Ward No. 57, Bengaluru:-

Sl.No.	Date	Particulars / Documents lost
1.	14.01.2011	Certified true copy of Judgement dated 14.01.2011 passed by 1st Addl. City Civil and Sessions Judge at Bangalore in OS No. 5548/2002 (DCH No.2)
2.	27.07.1979	Possession Certificate in favour of Mr. J. Suresh issued by BDA, Bangalore with regard to Site No. 42-A
3.	04.01.1982	Memo issued by Commissioner, BDA, Bangalore transferring the possession of land (Site No. 42-A) in favour of M/s. R.R. Wood Industries represented by Sri T. Srinivasaiah from Mr. J. Suresh as per order dated 08.12.1981
4.	24.12.1981	Transfer Agreement dated 24.12.1981 pertaining to Site No. 42-A
5.	17.01.1984	Conditional Deed of Sale executed by Dy. Secretary, BDA, Bangalore in favour of R.R. Wood Industries represented by Sri. T. Srinivasaiah registered as document No. 7559/83-84 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk (Site No. 42-A)
6.	10.02.1986	Certificate issued by Corporation of City, Bangalore with regard to Khatha standing in the name of R.R. Wood Industries (Site No. 42-A)
7.	13.01.1982	Certificate issued by the Revenue Officer, BDA, Bangalore confirming the Site No. 42-A stands in the name of R.R. Wood Industries
8.	10.02.1988	Certificate issued by Asst. Revenue Officer, Jayanagar, Corporation of Bangalore with regard to khatha standing in the name of T. Srinivasaiah - Site No. 42-B
9.	15.11.1978	Certificate issued by Revenue Officer, BDA, Bangalore with regard to Khatha standing in the name of T. Srinivasaiah (Site No. 42-B)
10.	17.11.1978	Possession Certificate in favour of Mr. T. Srinivasaiah issued by Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore (Site No. 42-B)
11.	02.03.1990	Encumbrance certificate for the period from 01.04.1979 to 31.05.1989 in respect of Site No. 42-A
12.	02.03.1990	Encumbrance certificate for the period from 01.06.1989 to 28.02.1990 in respect of Site No. 42-A
13.	04.07.2000	Encumbrance certificate for the period from 01.02.1990 to 30.07.2000 in respect of Site No. 42-A
14.	04.07.2000	Encumbrance certificate for the period from 01.06.1989 to 02.07.2000 in respect of Site No. 42-B
15.	26.11.1999	Property Tax paid receipt for the year 1997-98 (Site No. 42-A)
16.	27.11.2000	Property Tax paid receipt for the year 1998-99, 99-2000 & 2000-01 (Site No. 42-A)
17.	26.11.1999	Property tax paid receipt for the year 1997-98 (Site No. 42-B)
18.	27.11.2000	Property tax paid receipt for the year 1998-99, 99-2000 & 2000-01 (Site No. 42-B)
19.	10.03.1987	Lease deed executed by Mr. T. Srinivasaiah in favour of M/s. Vintek R.F. Products in respect of Property No. 42-B registered as document No. 8606/86-87 in the office of the Sub-Registrar Bangalore South Taluk
20.	18.09.1993	Surrender of Lease Deed executed between T. Srinivasaiah and M/s. Vintek R.F. Products Pvt. Ltd. in respect of Property No. 42-B
21.	09.03.1994	Conditional Deed of Sale executed by the Dy. Secretary, BDA in favour of Sri. T. Srinivasaiah in respect of Property No. 42-B

I have filed a complaint intimating the loss of original documents with the Karnataka State Police, Unit: Bengaluru City (Halasuru Police Station) on 07.09.2022 bearing Lost Report No. 0313990/2022. In the event of the above original documents are found/traced, the same be delivered to the undersigned.
Date : 07.09.2022
Place : Bengaluru
Sd/- Ashwin Sancheti
Vinita Griha Nirman Pvt. Ltd. 4th Floor, 'Salarpuria Windsor', No. 3, Ulsoor Road, Bengaluru - 560 042.

Govt. of Jharkhand
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Jharkhand Renewable Energy Development Agency (JREDA)
3rd Floor, S.L.D.C. Building, Kusai Colony, Doranda, Ranchi-834002., Ph.: 0651-2491161, Fax: 0651-2491165, E-mail: info@jreda.com; Website: www.jreda.com
e-Procurement Notice
Tender reference no.: 16/JREDA/CANALTOP/22-23 Dated: 07.09.2022

1	Name of the work	Design, Engineering, Procurement & Supply, Construction, Commissioning and Comprehensive Operation & Maintenance for Ten (10) Years of 2 MW Grid-Connected Canal-Top Solar Photovoltaic Power Plant at Sikidiri Canal, Village: Sikidiri, District: Ranchi, State: Jharkhand
2	Estimated Cost	Rs.19.46 Crores.
3	Time of completion	06 (Six) Months
4	Date of publication of NIT on website: http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in	09.09.2022 (Friday)
5	Date & time of Pre-bid meeting	19.09.2022 (Monday) at 1.00 P.M.
6	Last date & time for receipt of online bids	06.10.2022 (Thursday) upto 05:00 PM
7	Submission of original copies of Bid fee & EMD (Offline)	06.10.2022 and 07.10.2022 up to 5.00 P.M.
8	Technical Bid Opening Date	10.10.2022 (Monday) at 3.00 P.M.
9	Name & address of office inviting tender	Director, Jharkhand Renewable Energy Development Agency(JREDA) 3rd Floor, SLDC Building, Kusai, Doranda, Ranchi- 834002 (Jharkhand)
10	Contact no. of procurement officer	0651-2491167/68/61/7004806449
11	Helpline no. of e-procurement	0651-2491167/68/61

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PERSONAL
CHANGE OF NAME
I, SALIMA Salamath, D O B 01-05-1970, R/o #29, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Opp. Shiva Shakthi Colony, Vibhuthipura, Bangaluru-560037 have changed my name from Salima Salamath to Mohammed Gany Monnapillai Salima Salamath vide affidavit dated 03-09-2022 before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'luru.

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LEGAL NOTICE
PROCLAMATION REQUIRING ATTENDANCE OF RESPONDENT (ORDER 5, rule 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure)
In the court of Sh. Satyabrata Panda, Additional District Judge-04, Room No.3d, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi
CS No. : 59333/16
Complete Dewatering Systems
Versus
D B And Associates Engineering P Ltd.
To,
1. M/s D.B & Associates Engineers Pvt. Ltd. M.S. College Road No. 81, 6th Name Malleshwaram, Banglaru-560055, Karnataka
2. M/s D.B & Associates Engineers Pvt. Ltd. 40/21, Kapali, 5th Main, 15 Cross, Near Maruti Suzuki Show Room, Malleshwaram, Bangluru-560055, Karnataka
WHEREAS you are intentionally evading service of summons. It is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on the 29-11-2022 the day fixed for the final disposal, it will be heard and determined ex-parte. Given under my hand and the seal of the court, this 24-08-2022.
Sd/
Additional District Judge-04
Patiala House Courts, New Delhi
Seal

LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE COURT OF CITY CIVIL JUDGE, AT BANGALORE
CCH:20
O.S. No. 25920 / 2020
BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Ltd., ...Plaintiff
And
Mr. Sudheer K Nair
...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
Mr. Sudheer K Nair.,
S/o. Mrs. Suprisan Devi,
Aged about 48 years,
Residing at No. D102,
Raja Rajeshwari Nivas,
Behind HTMT, Vijayee Nagar, Garebhavi Palya,
Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560068
Whereas, the Plaint is filed by the Plaintiff Bank, against the Defendant seeking Judgment and Decree for recovery of loan amount of Rs.3,51,024.77 (Rupees Three Lakhs Fifty One Thousand and Twenty Four Paise, Seventy Seven Only) together with interest at the rate of 21% P.A. from the date of filing of the Suit to till the date of decree.
Hence, the Defendant hereby gave this notice to appear before the Court, on 17/10/2022 At 11:00 AM either personally or through his Counsel to answer to the Plaint failing which, the case will be heard and decided ex-parte. day
Given under my hand and the seal of the court this the 30th of August 2022.
By order of the Court
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court Mayo Hall Unit Bangalore
Plaintiff Counsel
M.G.C. & Co., Advocate and Solicitors, No.66, 4th Cross, Xavier Layout, Bangalore- 560 047.

LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE COURT OF THE 72nd ADDL' CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-73)
O.S. NO. 25975/2022
Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered Office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate Office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its Branch Office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff
And
Sri. Mallikarjuna
...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Sri. Mallikarjuna,
S/o. Sri. Siddabasavaiah,
Aged about 39 years, No.375, Chowdeshwarinagarm Laggere, Rajeev Gandhi Nagar, Opp Anjeneya Temple, Bangalore- 560 058
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs. 8,27,304/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Four Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 72nd Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-73) in personally or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 17/10/2022 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte. Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 03/09/2022.
By Order of the Hon'ble Court
Deputy Registrar
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PERSONAL
CHANGE OF NAME
I, SRI Bidhan Dev Ghosal resident of Flat No.301, Sunrise Vistara, 8th Main, Vinayaka Nagar, Bagalur Main Road, Bangalore-560063 have changed my name from Sri Bidhan Dev Ghosal to Bidhan Dev Ghosal vide affidavit dated 07-09-2022 before Notary S.R.Ravikumar, Bangalore.

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CHANGE OF NAME
I, Farhad Tayeb Shahpurwala, aged about 62 years, S/o. Tayeb H Shahpurwala, and Sabiha Farhad Shahpurwala, aged about 60 years, W/o. Farhad Shahpurwala, both are R/at No.5/13, Hussainabad Apartment, Langford Road, OLEF Street, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560 025, hereby declare that our son's correct name is Ali Shahpurwala was born on 15/10/2007 and We state that, however in the school records it's registered as Ali Farhad Shahpurwala and it has been wrongly mentioned as Ali Farhad Shahpurwala instead of his name Ali Shahpurwala, vide affidavit dated 8.9.2022 sworn to before Prakash C., Advocate & Notary, Bangalore.

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IN THE LIMELIGHT

Nathan Fielder's method to madness

By putting the participants in uncomfortable situations in ***The Rehearsal***, Nathan brings out a side of the participants that is masked in the real world or chopped off in post-production by the editor

THE GIST

- In the show, *The Rehearsal*, Nathan Fielder created a world for himself to function out of, a world that seems beyond everyone's grasp. The man behind Nathan Fielder's on-screen persona seems impenetrable and unpredictable and that is what adds mystique to his work.
- He disarms and distances his participants from their arsenal of conventional social cues, making them feel vulnerable and naked in front of the camera.
- The Canadian comic also shields his actors from becoming prey to social surveillance with a smart tactic where the audience is unsure if they've been asked to act/exaggerate a trait of theirs or play themselves.

TAMMA MOKSHA

HBO renewed Nathan Fielder's *The Rehearsal* for a second season ahead of the much-talked-about season finale. The show got the minds of the critics and the audience whirring prompting the publishing of opinion pieces and analyses on the show, Nathan Fielder, and his genre of comedy. This, like many others, is another such attempt at dissecting the brain behind some of the best television produced in recent times.

Lately, to the audience of the show, it feels like everything around is Nathan's world and we're just living in it. He went a step ahead and created a world for himself to function out of, a world that seems beyond everyone's grasp. The man behind Nathan Fielder's on-screen persona seems impenetrable and unpredictable and that is what adds mystique to his work.

The Canadian comic rose to fame for his show on Comedy Central called *Nathan for You*; spread over four seasons, the show is a parody of business rescue shows. According to the show, Nathan, a business graduate with excellent grades, goes on a mission to help struggling businesses across the country primarily through product innovation and marketing techniques.

In the very first episode, Nathan pledges his services to a struggling frozen yoghurt shop. His idea to increase the footfall? – offer the option of a poo-flavoured frozen yoghurt to the customers. And true to his promise, the store witnesses a bunch of awe-struck slightly rattled townsfolk waiting to try the poo-flavoured frozen yoghurt.

From ghostbusters to ghostwriters, Nathan puts every professional at his disposal to help his clients grow their businesses. Though the bizarre suggestions help lure the audience in, it is the willingness of his participants to execute these suggestions that keeps the audience hooked. Their willingness can be attributed to the camera crew that tag along with Nathan who help in giving the participants an illusion that their interaction is removed from reality.

Focus on participants

By putting the participants in uncomfortable situations, Nathan brings out a side of the participants that is masked in the real world or chopped off in post-production by the editor. He disarms and distances his participants from their arsenal of conventional social cues, making them feel vulnerable and naked in front of the camera helping Nathan paint an innocent portrait of the participant. He has a tendency to drag a silence for so long that it almost becomes unbearable for the viewer to keep their eyes on the screen.

Nathan (a Jew) has very funny encounters with people of other faiths who talk about Jews in harmful stereotypes that border on antisemitism. What would have otherwise turned into a serious confrontation in the normal world just ends up turning into a painfully awkward conversation, all thanks to him swerving away from the conventional social cues. And through the help of tools like this, Nathan makes sure there's no space for hate in his work – something reality TV connoisseurs are not used to.

Critique of reality shows

Jeremy Hartwell, a cast member of the Emmy-nominated Netflix show *Love Is Blind* has filed a lawsuit claiming mistreatment on the set. He alleged that the contestants were forced to film hungry, drunk and sleep-deprived for long hours. All of this only goes to highlight the power imbalance that plagues that sets of reality TV shows. Often a narrative is weaved only in the editor's room to sensationalise certain behaviours and in the process impinge on the agency of the participants who are almost policied by the cameras. *Nathan for You* underlines this power imbalance – imagine a frozen yoghurt shop owner agreeing to sell a poo-flavoured product sans cameras, you probably can't. His shows also do not stress on having a set narrative; they focus on the more mundane things that govern stories.

The obsession with surveillance coupled with constructing a narrative in reality shows is fatal. Contestants of the show, *Love Island*, Sophie Gradon and Mike Thalassitis died by suicide and the host of the show, Caroline Flack, also met with the same fate. Jake Fincham, the winner of the 2018 season, confessed to have attempted suicide.

Nathan highlights this in *The Rehearsal* – Angela, 44, who is rehearsing motherhood, acts and talks a certain way when Nathan is around; she reverts back to her original self and has normal conversations with child actors when they are left to their own devices. Dissecting this manufactured reality lies at the core of Nathan's critique. The Canadian comic also shields his actors from becoming prey to social surveillance with a smart tactic where the audience is unsure if they've been asked to act/exaggerate a trait of theirs or play themselves.

But Nathan's work has its shortcomings. In working on satirising the power dynamics in reality TV shows, the power dynamics on his set have occasionally become skewed with Nathan being gifted a better deck of cards to deal with. In an episode of *Nathan for You*, Nathan hires 40 cleaning ladies for a turbo clean of sorts. The owner of the business, a 22-year-old Mexican immigrant, reported that she felt humiliated upon coming to know that they were featured in a comedy show.

Initially, she had thought that they were going to interview her about her success. Nathan has regretted this and highlighted that he and his crew check on the participants between scenes but that he is also aware that the power dynamics are such that a "yes" from them does not always come from a comfortable place.

In the initial stage of his comedy career when Nathan was getting started on this observational social experiment like comedy, his mom, a social worker, was befuddled with his work and rightfully so. However, a couple of days later, she came back and informed him that what he was trying to do could be classified under ethnomethodology.

Ethnomethodology is a method of sociological analysis that examines how individuals use everyday conversations to construct a common-sense view of the world. The pioneer of this discipline, Harold Garfinkel, whose writings have had a major impact in the field of social sciences and linguistics also indulged in experiments just like Nathan. In one of his more famous case studies, he asked students to go back to their houses and act as lodgers for a week straight. The result – their parents did not respond in any different way. When we're so caught up with ourselves going in circles around this common-sense view of the world and taking ourselves seriously, Nathan does a fabulous job at breaking this view and in the process, almost forcing us to reckon with reality.

Critique of child actors

Nathan casts child actors in his bizarre make-believe world exposing us to the not-so-pleasant lives of these children. In an episode of *Nathan for You* titled 'Claw of Shame', Nathan performs a stunt that if gone wrong could be considered a sexual assault with Nathan having to do jail time. While Nathan perfects the stunt, it is bizarre how the parents of the child actors agreed to have their children be a part of such a production.

The same line of critique is intensified in *The Rehearsal* when in the season finale, we see a six-year-old boy develop an attachment to Nathan and believe that Nathan is indeed his "daddy". Can six-year-olds understand the complexity of acting – even if they do, is it ethical to subject their brains to such a feat at a young age? Watching Nathan's shows, one would not draw a favourable opinion on the subject.

In the wake of Jennette McCurdy's memoir, *I'm Glad My Mom Died*, when a conversation about child actors' lives and the logistics and morality of their presence on film sets is being debated, Nathan's subtle critique adds value to the argument.

While the world of Nathan Fielder might come across as absurd, on deeper inspection, it offers us a method to navigate the world around us by helping us understand the people around us a little better; leaving us a little more in love with the relationships we share, the fleeting moments of reality we experience in them.

THE DAILY QUIZ

A quiz on North Korea which came into being on September 9, 74 years ago.

1 What is the official name of North Korea?

2 What is the 'Taeyangjeol' or 'Day of the Sun' in North Korea and when it is observed?

3 Name the two bodies of water that form the western and eastern border of the country?

4 The country has had only three leaders since its formation, all with the same first name Kim. If the current leader is Kim Jong-un, who was his grandfather and father?

5 Which line of latitude does the Korean Demilitarised Zone straddle?

6 The North Korean flag is made up of the colours red, white, and blue. What is the blue said to symbolise if red is for the country's commitment to communism?

7 What is dubbed as the Konanui Haenggun (March of Hardship) in North Korea?

8 In a shocking incident, Kim Jong-nam, the exiled half-brother of the current leader, was assassinated with a nerve agent in an international airport. Name the airport.

◄ Considering the official seating capacity, this stadium is reckoned to be the largest stadium in the world, though many regard the Narendra Modi Stadium to be the largest. After which 'day' is it named? • REUTERS

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Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. In which month of the Malayalam almanac is Onam and what does it celebrate? **Ans: Chingam; it celebrates the homecoming of the good king Mahabali**
2. Name the clay pyramid with four faces and a flat top that symbolises Vamana. **Ans: Onathappan**
3. Name the day on which festivities begin. **Ans: Atham**
4. What is Leucas aspera called locally and where is it used? **Ans: Thumba and the flower is used to make the floral carpet**
5. How many dishes make up Onam Sadhya or Onasadhya? **Ans: 26 culinary offerings prepared with over 60 ingredients**
6. Name the Sadhya dish made with yogurt, yam and grated coconut, and the dish made with pumpkin, red beans, and coconut. **Ans: Kaalan and Ellisheri**
7. Name the competitive event that takes place on the Utthrattathi Nakshatra. **Ans: Aranmula Vallam Kali (Aranmula Boat Race)**
Visual: Name the dance and on what day of the Onam is it performed? **Ans: Pulikkali on the fourth day**
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know Your English

"Good morning, sir."

"Good morning."

"What's the difference between 'vociferous' and 'vigorous', sir?"

"'Vigorous' means 'strong, effective, forceful'.

He is a vigorous man.

He spoke vigorously on the issue.

He campaigned vigorously.

"Vociferous' means 'noisy'.

It was a vociferous group.

A vociferous campaign is a noisy campaign.

A vigorous campaign is an effective, forceful campaign.

'Vigorous' has a good connotation, but 'vociferous' has a bad connotation."

"What's the meaning of 'touch wood', sir?"

"First, I'll give some examples.

I have had no trouble so far, touch wood.

I am very happy with my new boss, touch wood.

I have not met with any accident so far, touch wood.

'Touch wood' means 'to touch something made of wood as a charm to ward off bad luck especially after boasting of good luck.'

When you talk about your good luck, you are afraid that something bad might happen to you. It was believed in the past that you could turn away bad luck by touching anything made of wood. You may call this superstition. Well, the old superstition still continues!"

"What's the meaning of 'begging the question', sir?"

"It means 'to use an argument that assumes as proved the very thing one is trying to prove'. For example, I ask you why parallel lines never meet. If you say that they don't meet because they are parallel lines, then you are begging the question."

"How do you use 'eke out', sir?"

"To 'eke out' means 'to supplement or fill (what is felt to be deficient) especially by a laborious, scanty addition'.

He ekes out his income by working in the evenings.

It also means 'to make a living with great effort.'

He ekes out a precarious living.

The word 'eke' is in the word 'nickname'. You are surprised? I'll explain. The word 'eke' is from Old English. It meant an addition or supplement. 'An eke name' in Middle English meant 'an additional name'. The 'n' of 'an' got attached to 'eke' with the passage of time and became 'a nickname'. A nickname is an additional name. That is, it is in addition to your real name.

John is nicknamed 'Chocks' as he is fond of chocolates.

Well, let's stop on this sweet note. Goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

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Protest against construction of temple on BU campus

VC asks BBMP to stop the work for the time being; meeting to be convened

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Students and faculty members of Bangalore University staged a protest in front of the university's head office on Thursday against the construction of a temple on the Jnana Bharathi campus.

The students had staged a protest on Wednesday too against the construction of the temple by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

They expressed outrage against the construction of a religious centre in an public educational institution. The protesters alleged that the BBMP was "unauthorisedly constructing the temple by encroaching the university land," and that it would "affect the academic environment at the university".

The protesters alleged, "The temple, which was previously located elsewhere on the campus, is being shifted and the structure is being constructed illegally behind the administration office. BBMP officers have not obtained the consent of the Vice-Chancellor for the work."

Students and faculty members staging a protest outside the administrative office of Bangalore University on Thursday.
•SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"According to the UGC Act, 2000, religious institutions and buildings are not allowed in any public places. They are violating this rule and building a temple. Two months ago, we had protested. At that time, the Vice-Chancellor had stopped the work. But on Wednesday, all of the sudden construction work was started with the protection of police and BBMP officials," students alleged.

Vice-Chancellor Jayakar S.M. received a memorandum from the protesters and then visited the site. He asked the BBMP authorities to stop the work for the time being.

Dr. Jayakar told to *The Hindu*, "Due to the road-widening project, the Ganesha temple was shifted and as per the agreement, the university granted the site to construct the temple. Now, students have raised objections to this and we ordered the work to stop. We will hold a meeting again and come to a conclusion."

Students have warned of a "Bangalore University bandh" if any adverse decision was taken by the Vice-Chancellor.

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Two chain-snatchers arrested

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

While investigating a theft case in J.P. Nagar reported on August 19, the police arrested two persons from Kerala who were not only involved in over 20 chain-snatching cases in and around the city but also running a fake currency racket.

The accused, Pradeep A.S., 38, and his associate Sanal Nagalan, 34, were staying in a rented house at Basavapura for the last one year.

They would move around and rob gold valuables from women. The accused also committed house break-ins. On a complaint by Shanthi Siddaraju, a homemaker from J.P. Nagar who lost her gold chain kept on a table near an open window, the police tracked down the accused through CCTV camera footage and technical details.

When the police raided their house, they found fake currency of ₹3.1 lakh in different denominations. The accused would melt the stolen gold and pawn it at finance firms, P. Krishnakant, DCP, South division, said.

These NEET toppers eager to join AIIMS

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The NEET-2022 top scorers from Karnataka are eager to join the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in New Delhi to pursue medical courses.

The National Testing Agency announced the NEET-2022 results late on Wednesday night and three students from Karnataka made it to the top 10 All India Rank (AIR) list. Here is what the toppers had to say:

Hirishikesh Nagabhushan Gangule, a son of software engineers from Bengaluru, credits target-oriented planning and immense support from his parents and faculty members of his coaching centre for his success. Although he had plans to gain a good rank, to be counted among the top 5 in the country wasn't something he had expected.

Krishna S.R.

Hrishikesh told to *The Hindu*, "I knew I will get a good rank, but I didn't expect that I will be among the highest marks scorer. It feels great and it is a relief as well. My approach has always been to daily focus on specific topics that I had planned to study, instead of studying for extremely long hours. My parents have been my biggest motivators who've taught me to learn from my mistakes and move forward."

He also enjoys drawing, painting, reading books and watching wildlife documentaries for leisure. "I decided to become a doctor when I was in Class IV. I felt like I want to help society. I want to join AIIMS, New Delhi, for the MBBS course and I will like to pursue cardiology," he said.

Rucha Pawashe, a student of Raja Lakhamagouda Science College, Belagavi, is the second topper in the State and fourth AIR topper. She is also the second AIR topper in the female category. Rucha comes from a family of doctors and feels happy to continue the family tradition. Her father, Mohan, mother, Smitha, and elder brother, Prathamesh, are doctors. Rucha's grandfather and great grandfather have also been doctors.

Her advice to NEET aspirants is, "Face the examination confidently; study the question paper and understand the patterns. Try to understand the concepts rather than learning them by rote and face the examination without tension. There is no need to study 24 hours a day. You have to manage your time properly so that you don't seem to waste time. Also, you have to spend quality time with your friends and family as that keeps you sane."

Krishna S.R., a student of Sri Chaitanya Techno School, Bengaluru, has emerged as the third topper in the State and eighth topper in the AIR list. Krishna, a resident of Hosur, Tamil Nadu, joined Chaitanya school for his pre-university course.

"I went thoroughly through the NCERT portions; next I practised a lot of objective type questions and the materials from my institution. Becoming a doctor was a dream since my school days. I want to join AIIMS. COVID-19 lockdown helped me in my preparation from I PUC. Conducting tests regularly helped me a lot," Krishna said.

FROM PAGE ONE

Premature heart attack seen in 15% of young patients

Vivek Jawali, chairman, Cardiovascular Sciences and Executive Council of Fortis Hospitals in Bengaluru, said according to 2019 data from ICMR and AIMS, almost 30% of sudden cardiac deaths were among youngsters.

"Indians definitely suffer more. Traditional risk factors that you see around the globe are much higher in India, whether it is fatal programming or more prevalence of metabolic syndrome among Indians. The incidence seems to be more in the South than in the rest of the country," he said.

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Drug peddler who escaped from Kerala police nabbed in city

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The HSR Layout police, with the help of their Kozhikode counterparts, caught a 29-year-old drug peddler who escaped after threatening a PSI and his team with a gun-shaped cigarette lighter at a hotel in HSR Layout a few days ago.

A team of police led by Sunumon K., a sub-inspector from Kurathikad police, pursuing him in an NDPS Act case, tracked him to a hotel and confronted him. But the accused, identified as Jaffar from Kasaragod, flashed a lighter and escaped.

Sunumon later walked to the HSR Layout police and filed a complaint and returned without pursuing Jaffar. Taking a serious note of this, C.K. Baba, DCP, south east division, formed a special team and tracked down Jaffar posing as buyers and shared his locations with the Kozhikode police, who arrested him. The accused was brought to HSR Layout on Thursday for further investigations.

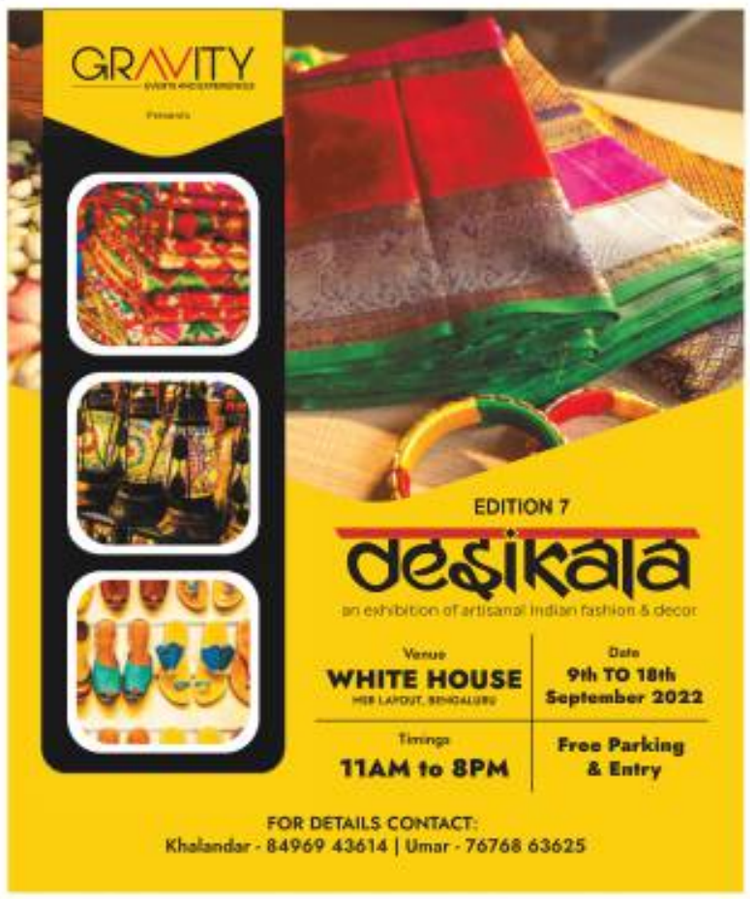
Jaffar told the police that as he is a smoker, he bought a gun-shaped lighter which he also used in case of any eventuality.

Techie held for trying to sell leopard skin

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Officials of the CID forest cell, with the help of a wildlife volunteer group, caught a 25-year-old software engineer while he was trying to sell the skin, nails, and teeth of a leopard.

The accused, B.S. Puttaraju, a native of Chikka Benakanakere in Turuvekere of Tumakuru district, works in an IT firm at HSR Layout. The accused told the police that his friends who went hunting for a wild boar in a forest area shot the leopard. They later skinned the leopard, took away the nails and teeth and buried the carcass in the forest. They asked Puttaraju to sell them and share the money. The accused had circulated a message on social media seeking clients and came under the radar of wildlife activists who, posing as prospective clients, approached him and clinched a deal before alerting the CID forest cell.



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Rains dampen Bengaluru's brand image and more

As rains brought the city's infrastructure to its knees, especially in the IT corridor, the government has promised to set the situation right before the next monsoon. But the moot question is if it will be another quick fix or if the powers that be will muster the political will to go beyond as the State is on the threshold of an election

Motorists had a tough time with lakes near Bellandur overflowing. Many IT companies in the area asked their employees to work from home. • K. MURALI KUMAR

MINI TEJASWI
BENGALURU

Bengaluru's torrential rains over the last week have showered inexplicable miseries on everyone in the Mahadevapura zone. Images of CEOs riding on tractors and boats on waterlogged roads have gone viral on social media. Our Silicon Valley's flood tales have reached its counterpart in the Bay Area, and industry captains are of the opinion that the situation has certainly given Bengaluru an "image-lashing" in addition to economic losses to people, enterprises and also to the State exchequer.

IT firms, large business establishments and start-ups that are located in flood-hit areas have incurred huge financial and productivity losses that are yet to be exactly ascertained. Tech firms and banking establishments along the Outer Ring Road (ORR) alone reported a loss of ₹225 crore due to heavy rains and flooding on a single day (August 30), as per a memorandum submitted by the Outer Ring Road Companies Association (ORRCA) to the Chief Minister.

Representing companies, situated in Central Silk Board and Krishnarajapuram corridor, that employ about a million professionals, also sought Mr. Basavaraj Bommai's attention to address the "appalling infrastructure" in the ORR region in particular and the city in general that has impacted industries in multiple ways.

Further cautioning the State administration, the association said, it was in the collective interest of ORRCA and the State government that Bengaluru infrastructure issues be addressed with a short/midterm and longer-term view to sustain the growth, else these companies may seek alternative destinations.

A food delivery executive wades through a flooded street in Bengaluru. • K. MURALI KUMAR

An excavator in operation near a rajakaluve in Whitefield after the Nallurhalli lake breached the banks. • K. MURALI KUMAR

Hundreds of migrant workers on Borewell Road in Whitefield were affected by the downpour. • K. MURALI KUMAR

Govt's big promise

Alarmed by this, the State government on Wednesday held a high-level meeting with leaders of the industry and assured them of finding a permanent solution to the problems before the next monsoon. IT companies were also promised to be made partners in the development work in the zone so that it is completed on schedule.

However, with elections to the Karnataka State Assembly just eight months away and poll action already picking up in parties, it remains to be seen how much and how soon this will translate into action and if it will indeed be priority.

Harish Bijoor, founder, Harish Bijoor Consults Inc, said that the sad fact is that any corrective action is often at best cosmetic and any cosmetic correction is no match to the fury of nature.

Water's memory

"Water has a memory. It will go where it normally goes. If we have built on lake beds, water does not care. It will go into the basements of those buildings. And water will do this year after year. If you try to defy nature, nature will defy you. The greed economy of Bengaluru must rethink its strategies," he cautioned, pointing to the need to balance development and ecology.

Avinash Vashistha, Executive Chairman, Tholons, a technology, innovation and investment firm, said the city could have avoided this disastrous situation, if administrators, local bodies, corporate leaders and citizens together had a long-term perspective to invest in innovation.

"Why is this happening when we have engineers and entrepreneurs who are world-class? Why is this happening to us when our companies and our innovators are building technologies, systems and platforms for the rest of the world to make their life and work more enjoyable, comfortable and safe?" asked Mr. Vashistha, who was former India head of Accenture.

According to V. Balakrishnan, former CFO, Infosys, with a vibrant startup ecosystem and a world-class IT industry, Bengaluru is a "global brand" known for innovation and superior talent.

"However, the recent rains and their aftermath have clearly dented its global brand image. From being a world-renowned city it has become a butt of social media jokes and memes. It is a first-class city, unfortunately with third-class governance," he said, adding that citizens deserve better from the elected government.

Lack of ownership

Mr. Balakrishnan, who is the Chairman of venture capital firm Exfinity Ventures, pointed out that the city has always had active participation from citizens, NGOs, corporates and others, but what lacking is political will to fix its infrastructure woes. "There is a lack of ownership and accountability in every part of governance. Also, corruption is deep-rooted and the current government is focused only on winning elections," he candidly said.

Echoing similar sentiments T.V. Mohandas Pai, a venture capitalist and entrepreneur, said, investors globally were concerned about the ability of the city to manage growth. What was unfolding in the last many days was the result of high growth with inadequate infrastructure, all thanks to bad governance and "very corrupt local administration."

Political class, meanwhile, is at pains to argue that the situation is not owing to their actions or the lack of it. Any city in the world would have faced a similar crisis as Bengaluru did if it received the same amount of heavy rain as it received here, was the instant response of K. Sudhakar, Minister for Health and Family Welfare, referring to the collapse of business infrastructure along IT corridors.

"Complaining is a very easy job. During a crisis, citizens must join their hands with the government to face the situation. This is not the time for the blame game," he said.

His cabinet colleague Ashwath Narayan C.N., Minister for Higher Education, IT & BT, Science & Technology, said, "A thriving city that has been continually growing for decades is bound to face certain infrastructure issues. Recent rains in Bengaluru have been extraordinary and the government is actively monitoring the issue and working hard to resolve issues as soon as possible," he said.

The opposition party Congress held a protest, which later triggered a blame game between the ruling BJP and Congress, against the failure of the State government in handling the flood situation. The Congress accused the BJP of destroying the brand image of Bengaluru it had built over the years. D.K. Shivakumar, President of KPCC, said under the BJP rule, the "Brand Bengaluru" has been demolished especially when 39% of taxpayers of the country were in this city.

Hitting back, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said several residential localities in Bengaluru had to face flood-like situations due to "unplanned rule and misrule" of the Congress government earlier in Karnataka.

According to Joseph Hoover, environment conservationist, what is lacking is not just lack of political will to set the infrastructure right but an understanding of the broader picture. "There has been a lot of superficial talk about overflowing lakes, encroachment of lakes and rajakaluves, choked storm-water drains, flooding, traffic snarls and inconvenience to people. But discussions also has to be about why there have been excessive rains, floods, landslides, extreme heat and drought... Basically, the ecosystem has to be protected to avert extreme climate events," he said.

Secondary economy crumbles around city's IT corridor

Daily wage workers, cab drivers, food delivery executives, autorickshaw drivers, owners of eateries suffer losses

JAHNAVI T. R.
BENGALURU

While IT companies and residents could put a number on the losses they suffered due to the torrential rains which battered the city the last few days, a secondary economy built around the famed IT corridors also crumbled this week.

Daily wage workers, cab drivers, food delivery executives, auto drivers, owners of eateries, mechanics and many more are the contributors to this secondary economy. Their losses for the week ranged from hundreds to lakhs. Further, with the threat of IT companies moving to alternative locations looming around, they fear that they will lose their earnings from the areas which give them a large part of their business.

Most migrants in these areas work as construction labourers and also receive daily wages. This meant that for almost a week, they had no earnings as all activities had taken a halt due to these rains. Some were provided meals by NGOs and the BBMP, while others were helped out by the apartment federations in the area. They also suffered many materialistic losses.

"The working class residential areas adjacent to apartments and IT parks got flooded and they suffered severe problems. They lost TVs, mobile phones, ration and documents in the water. Children also lost their notebooks and textbooks" said Lekha Adavi of the Alternative Law Forum (ALF).

Small shops and eateries along the Outer Ring Road (ORR) had to pull their shutters down as their equipment and inventory was damaged in the rain. Bijay, who runs an Ambur Biryani eatery on Outer Ring Road was worried about recovering his losses after his restaurant was completely inundated.

"At least 250 - 300 people from nearby companies come here to eat their dinner and lunch. Now for two days, such is our state. We have been sleeping and eating here as we cannot even pull our shutters and go home. We have incurred losses up to at least ₹40,000 - 50,000."

As the roads were inundated, the ones who took a major hit were the cab and autorickshaw drivers. The choices before them were to take a risk and take their vehicles on the road and pay for the damage the water will cause, or to logout from their booking apps and lose out on the day's business. Most of them chose to do the latter as the former would cost them lakhs, while this a little more than a thousand.

"Around 60% of our business comes from the areas of Bellandur, Whitefield, Sarjapur and Electronics City. We had to unfortunately lose out on that major business the last few days. Not logging in was the safer option as once we are out on the road, there is no guarantee about what will happen. When a vehicle passes next to us, the rain water which splashes on to our windshield will block our view and lead to accidents. If the vehicles turn off in the middle of the road, the engine replacement and service costs will go up to two lakhs. By logging out, we lose around ₹1500 in a day. During rains, it is dangerous to drive on any roads in Bengaluru including posh localities like Residency Road and Richmond Road", said Tanveer Pasha, Ola Uber Drivers and Owners Association.

The autorickshaw drivers also had similar woes.

"If our drivers went to the IT belts and got stuck there, they have no means to come back to the city. They do not get customers there. For goodwill, some of our drivers went there and dropped people who work in those tech parks, but it was definitely not an easy ride.

"If we do not drive at least 100 kilometres in a day, we incur losses. But some of our drivers had to cancel rides for their own safety", said Sampath, General Secretary, Adarsha Auto Union.

The food delivery executives on the other hand, did not have the luxury of logging out of their apps as they would miss out on their incentives without working for a fixed number of hours. Many executives reached their destinations on foot where vehicles could not go.

"We get a lot of orders from Sarjapur and Bellandur, especially from Ecospace.

"There are also restauraunts inside Ecospace from where food was ordered. The situation was really grim and when it was beyond control, they had to log out and lose on a day's business or cancel deliveries and pay penalties", explained Srinivas G, Vice President, United Food Delivery Partners' Union.

One of the worst-affected areas was the Outer Ring Road near Bellandur. • K. MURALI KUMAR

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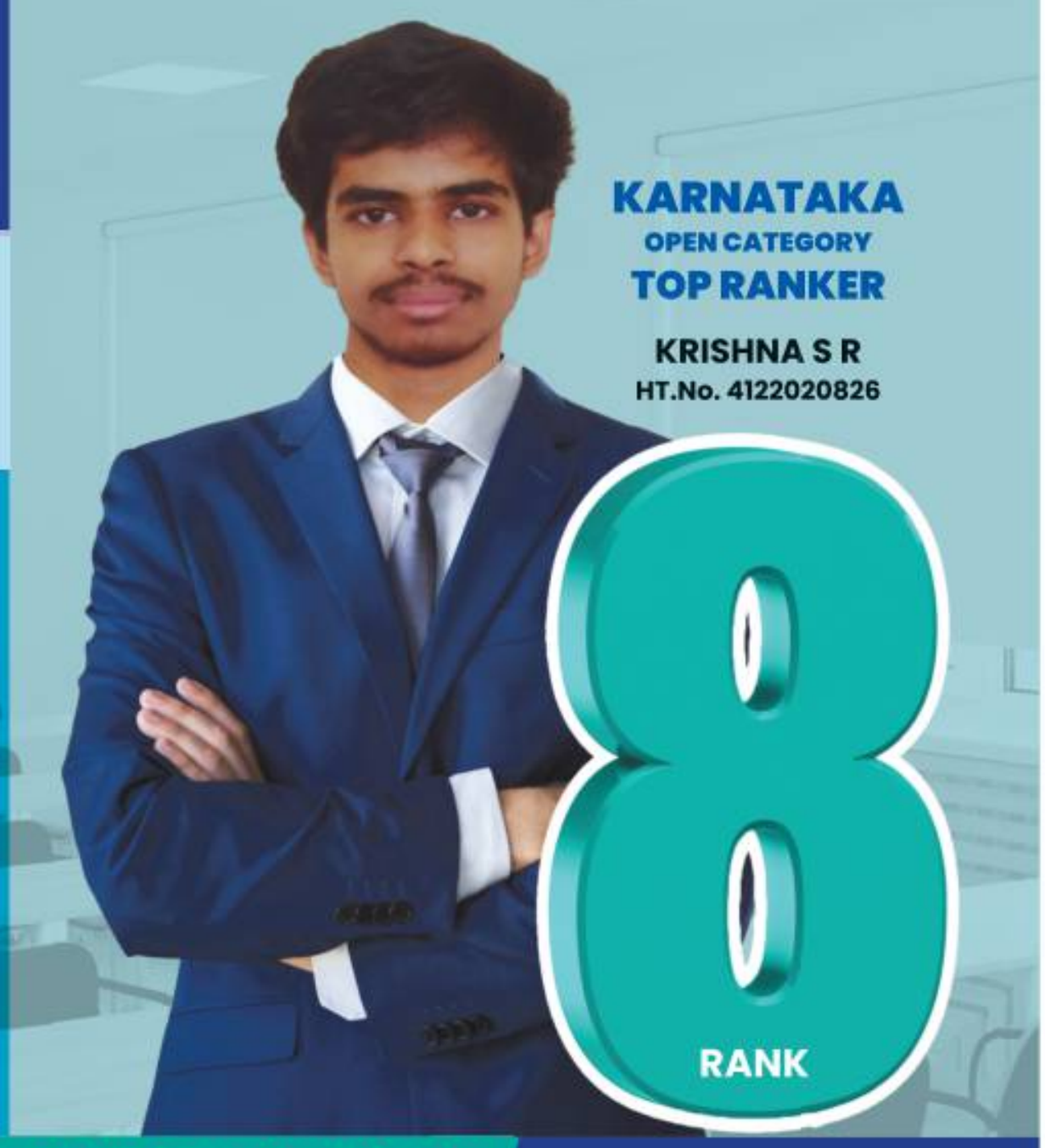

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When the birds come home

A peek into the competitive world of pigeon racing in India

:: PRAVEEN SUDEVAN

It is a smoggy April morning in Signature Bridge, Delhi. Three men unshackle 26 trained homing pigeons kept in two rectangular cages on an empty ground. Two more men hold a banner that says Karnataka Homing Pigeon Federation in English and Kannada. As both the cages are simultaneously opened, the birds slowly walk out, flap their wings and take off. From this starting point, where they have never been before, they need to find their way back to their respective lofts, over 1,500 kilometres away. Once they reach their destinations, the distance and velocity of the birds are measured to determine the winner of the race.

Among the participants is Red Rocket, a three-year-old grey-headed pigeon with a white-and-brown plume. Like his competitors, he, too, bears a red seal on his wings and two rubber bands on his legs. After nine days of flight, on April 24, 2022, the pigeon reaches his loft at Shanker V's residence in Hennur Gardens, Bengaluru. Shanker, a pigeon fancier, immediately removes the bands from his bird's legs to reveal an identification number. He clicks a photo and sends it to the organisers, who verify the numbers, measure the distance covered and the velocity of its flight.

Red Rocket, they announce, has flown 1,741 kilometres at 251 metres per minute, making him the winner. The pigeon had never been this far from his nest. Yet, he does what he always has: find his way back home.

This extraordinary capability is a result of magnetoreception, wherein animals and birds orient and navigate using the earth's magnetic field. At one point, humans selectively bred pigeons for their extraordinary ability. This led to the creation of a breed of homing pigeons, used for communication and later racing.

Many Indian cities have thriving, active pigeon racing fraternities. Chennai, today, is considered the country's capital for pigeon racing.

Decades of flight

According to K Palaniappan, the founder of the 38-year-old New Madras Racing Pigeon Association, the city has about 5,000 fanciers, out of which at least 1,000 are into racing. Among them is popular filmmaker Vetrimaaran, who has participated in international competitions like the One Loft Race.

The pastime has been popular for over 50 years, due to efforts of early fanciers, says Palaniappan. "Fanciers like Boldry, Jimmy Diaz, and Pat Casey imported breeds like Strassert, Paulsion, Logans, and Catrysse from different parts of the world," he adds.

Bengaluru is not far behind. Y Suresh, the current president of KRPC, estimates that there are over 800 fanciers in the city, although there is no official count. Hyderabad and Pune have at least 100 fanciers each.

Numerous associations and clubs, scattered across cities, are not unified under a national body. So, races are organised independently. Racing season in India is usually from December to April. The rest of the year is used for resting, breeding, and training.

Modern pigeon racing in India started getting popular in the 1940s in Kolkata. The Calcutta Racing Pigeon Club (CRPC), founded in 1953, is one of the country's oldest pigeon racing clubs. Its founder, PS Lee, and organising secretary, YS Chin, are considered the pioneers of modern pigeon racing in India.

"Calcutta has a rich history of pigeon racing. Pigeons in the military service during the Second World War were bred and used for racing," says Sonjoy Dos, a 60-year-old fancier and member of CRPC. The Madras Homing Pigeon Association (MHPA) and North Madras Homing Pigeon Association introduced pigeon racing to Madras in the 1970s, and also popularised it in Bengaluru.

How they race

Racing pigeons, when they are just a few days old, are made to wear a permanent ring with a four-digit number around one of their legs. This ring will also have the bird's birth year and the club it belongs to. Ahead of the race, which ranges from 100 kilometres to about 2,000 kilometres, pigeons are made to wear a rubber band with numbers imprinted. At the end, after verifying the number, the organisers calculate its distance (in kilometres) and each pigeon's velocity (in metres per minute).

More recently, Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) is being used, especially abroad, for more accurate measurements. In this method, an electronic chip is attached to the bird and a corresponding electronic clock with antennas at the loft automatically registers the information.

Personal investments

Five months after Red Rocket's incredible journey from Delhi to Bengaluru, he rests at his loft with 65 other pigeons. It is difficult to distinguish him from the others. But his fancier, Shanker, has no such problems as he deftly picks up the prize-winning bird and displays him like a proud possession.

Shanker's love for pigeons is such that when he constructed his two-storey house in 2011, a pigeon loft was part of the building plan. Fanciers see their pigeons not merely as pets, but as athletes. And, making a good athlete requires work. Shanker, who also runs a local cricket and football club, knows this. When the birds are young, they need training (to identify their nest), vaccination, and care. For two hours every day, he cleans the loft and feeds them a 21-seed mixture, including green gram, brown gram, and peanuts. He spends over a lakh every year on his birds.

Fanciers also keep a constant eye on their counterparts' pigeons for breeding. Shanker, for instance, found his pigeon a mate all the way from Tiruchi.

"More than the prizes, more than winning, more than anything, you feel happiness to see your bird return from a distant land," says Shanker, "Many kids in cricket and football clubs leave once they find better opportunities. But these pigeons – they always come back to me."

ONE LOFT RACE
Unlike conventional pigeon races, wherein the finishing points differ, One Loft Races have the same starting and finishing points. Pigeons, typically less than six weeks old, are taken to the special loft to be used for the event before they can fly. The birds then slowly learn to fly and recognise this loft as their home. The training, food, and conditions are the same for all the birds. With the usage of electronic timing systems, the winners of One Loft Races are decided by as little as 100th of a second.

Ready, set, soar (Clockwise from left) Leg tags on a long-distance pigeon in Tiruchi; Members of Star Pigeon Society (SPS) from Chennai set free participant birds at a starting point in Adilabad, Telangana, 800 km from home; Shanker V with his birds in Bengaluru • M MOORTHY, B JOTHI RAMALINGAM AND SUDHAKARA JAIN

No child's play Artist Paresh Hazra and works from his ongoing exhibition • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Games the gods play

Play the Game, an exhibition of paintings by artist Paresh Hazra, takes a deep look at life and lifestyles

:: RUTH DHANARAJ

For artist Paresh Hazra, as for almost all of mankind, the uncertainty of life was brought into sharp focus during the pandemic. Spending the greater part of the lockdown in isolation in Maryland, USA, was a chance for him to focus on his art.

Balakrishna or Baby Krishna and his antics have always been a favourite subject for Paresh. However, in Play the Game, his depiction of the child god is a tad different from the usual – though he strikes a traditional pose, Krishna is seen with a Rubik's Cube.

"In my previous series, I gave Radha's and Krishna's love story a slightly modern twist; Radha, perched on Krishna's cycle, is exchanging sweet nothings under the palms instead of the *kadamba* trees. Instead of a naughty boy-god, Play the Game has an innocent baby god. My idea is of God playing a game, searching for the best solution to the Rubik's Cube in his hand," says Paresh.

"Fate, destiny, gods and goddesses – to believe or not believe – the concept of God varies from man to man; as an artist I believe in the idea. In a society dominated by thinkers and their ideas, it was the religion of the ruling class that held sway. It was always an idea, followed by a different 'ism': Socialism, Communism and the like, because no one knows of the absolute, universal truth."

The Bengaluru-based artist who has had shows all over the world, says he lives to paint and write. "I enjoy crafting short stories and events from my childhood as well as penning abstract ideas on utilising colour, space and form. Whenever I am free after painting, I write," says Paresh.

Alone, but not lonely

His trips to the US to visit his daughters opened his eyes to the different lifestyle there. "This was pre-COVID and yet people lived rather isolated lives; no one knew their neighbours or interacted with each other, though almost all of them were caring when it came to their pets. The only glimpse of their lives was through an open window or from a balcony. That lifestyle intrigued me and I would imagine stories about their lives. This line of thought inspired the Townhouse series."

Paresh has used gouache and acrylic on canvas for the Townhouse and Play the Game series, and tempera for the Animal Kingdom series, all of which are currently on display.

Over 25 canvases by artist Paresh Hazra will be on display at Gallery Time and Space, Lavelle Road, till September 17, 2022.

Decoding the oldest love story

The Oldest Love Story – A Motherhood Anthology brings together a roster of 25 distinguished writers, reflecting on the natural, yet deified, phenomenon of motherhood

:: NALME NACHIYAR

"There are so many myths about motherhood that I think one purpose of it is to make women go through the suffering of pregnancy, childbirth and child rearing. We are made to feel superior as mothers, because we are treated inferior at so many other things in life," said Shashi Deshpande, celebrated author and Sahitya Akademi awardee during a panel discussion on *The Oldest Love Story - A Motherhood Anthology*, which features her essay 'Learning to be a Mother'.

The panel, moderated by writer and poet Rugmani Prabhakar, also boasted other writers such as Sudha Arora and Anuradha Gokarn along with Rinki Roy Bhattacharya and Maithili Rao. The event was held at Bangalore Club recently.

The Oldest Love Story - A Motherhood Anthology brings together a roster of 25 highly distinguished writers, including five Sahitya Akademi winners, reflecting on the natural, yet deified, phenomenon of motherhood. This collection of essays "addresses motherhood through the prism of personal experiences," parsing through layers of stereotypes, idealised notions and fantastical perceptions of all that motherhood is, and isn't.

TOLS is almost a sequel of sorts to *Janani*, a book on mothers and daughters that Rinki had earlier published, and in which Maithili was a contributing writer. While the new project retained some of the earlier line-up, it expanded the ambit to bring in not only new writers, but also writers from other languages. Thus, *TOLS* includes essays by writers Vaidehi (Kannada), CS Lakshmi (Tamil), Mannu Bhandari (Hindi) and Roopa Barua (Assamese), among others. Actor Shabana Azmi and filmmaker Saeed Mirza have contributed, too.

"We all rebel against our mothers, wish to be unlike them, disown their wisdom, reject their ideologies and detach ourselves from their heritage and values. But some part of her always lingers inside you," said Maithili. Therefore, writing about one's mother becomes easier in retrospect than about oneself as a mother.

"It requires enormous introspection and brutal honesty. I don't know how many are capable of owning up to our faults as mothers," she added.

In the opening essay, Shashi Deshpande writes about the burden of 'specialness' of motherhood, while in stark contrast is Anuradha Gokarn, who writes with loving warmth about her benevolent mother.

The stories in the book express love, gratitude and admiration towards mothers. There is anger, disappointment and anguish on behalf of the mothers. Some celebrate funny, spirited mothers, while others capture the struggle of being a single mother.

One story offers closure to the daughter, another charts the social history of a community. And *TOLS* seeks to do all this with the gift of hindsight but without ever essentialising the idea of motherhood.

Mum's the word Some of the writers behind *The Oldest Love Story* • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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They will come and get you

The rains in Bengaluru have brought their share of troubles. People have been left stranded on flooded roads with failed engines. If you get into a situation like this, connect with Dirty Drivez on these helplines: 9739215124/ 8971703607 or 9886363288. They will come to you and help you get through your watery crisis "for no charge". They have also called for interested off roaders to join their rescue mission.

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Charlie's Animal Rescue Centre has started an emergency helpline to rescue abandoned/stranded animals on water-logged roads. Call 9606075559.

Catch up with Chinapa

Nikhil Chinapa, who has donned many hats – disc jockey, video jockey, emcee, music promoter – to name a few, will perform at Raahi Neo Kitchen & Bar, Madras Bank Road, on September 9, from 7pm onwards. Nikhil is one of the few who helped take 'being a DJ' from a hobby to a career choice in India. He also is the co-founder of Sunburn and was the festival curator and partner of Vh1 Supersonic, one of the biggest multi-genre music festivals in the country. His line up at Raahi will showcase his latest music. Apart from their constantly evolving menu, Raahi also opens their doors to curated events. *Tickets for the event are available on bookmyshow.*

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BJP keen to use 'Janaspandana' to kick-start poll preparations

The twice-postponed event, now scheduled for Saturday, has been renamed too

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As the convention to mark the anniversary of the BJP government in Karnataka has finally been scheduled for September 10 – after two postponements – the ruling party strategists are keen to use it as a launching pad for formally commencing the party's preparations for Assembly elections that are seven months away.

The public convention, which is being held to mark the first anniversary of Basavaraj Bommai government and third anniversary of the BJP regime, was supposed to be held on July 28. But the party had to cancel the event following outrage among its cadre over the murder of its youth wing office-bearer from Dakshina Kannada district, Praveen Nettaru.

Preparations underway for the BJP's Janaspandana programme at Doddaballapur. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

PM's visit

In an effort to assuage the feelings of the cadre, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was invited to address a public event in Dakshina Kannada a week ago. The plan was to build further on the tempo of the Prime Minister's visit by quickly holding the anniversary convention. But the convention that was scheduled on September 8 had to be put off by a few days again following the death of Minister Umesh Katti.

Now, party leaders have even changed the name of the convention from the earlier "Janotsava" (celebration of people) to "Janaspandana" (people connect) for the fear of appearing insensitive as some of the areas, including Bengaluru, are reeling under the impact of heavy rains.

BJP leaders are banking on the Saturday event to boost the morale of party workers ahead of the 2023 Assembly polls. The party has been on the defensive following a slew of controversies, including the death of the youth wing office-bearer. This was followed by the episode of leaked audio clip in which Law Minister J.C. Madhuswamy is heard saying that the government is not functioning, but just carrying on. The contractors' association too has reiterated its allegations that 40% commission was being demanded to get contract deals from government.

Congress events

Meanwhile, the principal Opposition Congress appears to be in an aggressive mode after two recent events – convention to mark the 75th birthday of its legislature party leader Siddaramaiah and the freedom march organised on Independence Day. Both saw overwhelming response.

Following this, the BJP strategists are keen to use Janaspandana to boost the morale of their own party cadre. The event has gained importance since it is the first such programme after veteran leader B.S. Yediyurappa was made BJP Parliamentary Board member.

The location

Also, the party has strategically scheduled the programme in Doddaballapur as part of its efforts to make inroads into this region comprising Kolar, Chickballapur, and Bengaluru Rural districts. In this region that has 16 Assembly seats, the BJP has won only one while another Independent has backed the party government.

Health Minister Dr. Sudhakar, who is the lone party MLA from this region, has been given the responsibility of increasing the party's strength here.

Stage set for smooth passage of anti-conversion Bill in Council

With changed numbers on the floor, it will face no hurdles

SHARTH S. SRIVATSA
BENGALURU

With a clear majority in the Karnataka Legislative Council for the first time, the ruling BJP is set to get the controversial Karnataka Right to Freedom of Religion Bill (popularly called the anti-conversion Bill) cleared in the session starting on Monday.

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Following elections

Following a series of elections in the last few months, the composition of the House changed giving the BJP, which was dependent on the JD(S) support for passage of Bills, an upper hand. Currently, in the 75-member house, the BJP has its highest ever tally with 41 members, including the pro tem chairman, followed by Congress and Janata Dal (Secular) with 26 members and 8 members, respectively.

BJP spokesperson and MLC N. Ravikumar said that the government will get the anti-conversion Bill cleared in the Upper House since the party has a clear majority. "Even other Bills will be cleared smoothly during this session."

Chairman, Dy. Chairman

Meanwhile, the Council is also likely to elect a new chairman since BJP's Raghunath Rao Malkapure has been the pro tem chairman for over three months following the resignation of Basavaraj Horatti, who has now won a record eighth time.

Mr. Horatti, then elected on a JD(S) ticket, resigned from the party and also from the post of chairman to join BJP and contest the election that he won comfortably in May earlier this year from the North West Teachers' constituency.

Party sources said that while Mr. Horatti is the front runner to return to the post of chairman when the election is directed by the Governor's office, the incumbent Mr. Malkapure has also evinced interest to continue. However, sources close to Mr. Horatti pointed out that the party had promised the veteran leader that he would be made the chairman.

The Council will also likely elect the deputy chairman as the post has been lying vacant since December 2021. The post fell vacant as the term of BJP member M.K. Pranesh, who was then the deputy chairman, came to an end. Mr. Pranesh, who was re-elected from local authorities constituency, is also trying hard to secure the party's nomination along with Shashil G. Namoshi.

Mr. Ravikumar said that the decision on the party's candidates for the post of chairman and deputy chairman have not been finalised.

Akshayakalpa Organic raises $15 million for expansion

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Akshayakalpa Organic, India's first certified organic dairy enterprise that offers organic milk and milk products, has raised of $15 million in Series B funding round from both existing and new investors.

British International Investment, the U.K.'s development finance institution, Rainmatter Foundation, and its existing investor Venture Dairy have joined the Series B financing, according to a press release issued on Thursday.

Expansion

Akshayakalpa plans to aggressively invest in Bengaluru, Chennai, and Hyderabad markets, expand into new geographies of Pune, Mumbai and Kochi and take its long-shelf organic dairy products pan India, said the release.

Founded by G.N.S. Reddy and Shashi Kumar, Akshayakalpa Organic is the biggest organic milk producer in the country and has seen significant growth at a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 60% in the last five year, the release added.

Milk producers seek increase in price, threaten protest

Rise in milk price by ₹5 a litre sought

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Seeking an increase in price of milk by ₹5 a litre, milk producers from southern districts are set to take out a rally and lay siege to Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on September 22.

While Karnataka Milk Federation's attempt to raise milk price in the State has been spiked by the government at least three times in the recent months, district milk unions have cut down on procurement price of milk to keep the unions profitable.

The KMF's attempt to raise milk price in the State has been spiked by the government at least three times in the recent months. • FILE PHOTO

Input cost

"The input cost in the dairy industry has increased by about 30% for the farmers while cost of transportation, milk processing and packaging has gone up for milk unions. For the past three years, the government has not allowed the federation to increase the cost of milk," Bengaluru Milk Union Ltd. (BAMUL) president Narasimhamurthy said.

"The decline in procurement of milk by about three lakh litres in BAMUL is due to lack of interest in animal husbandry among farmers as it has become less profitable. The price of milk in other States is above ₹50 a litre," he added.

According to Mr. Narasimhamurthy, milk farmers from about 8,000 milk cooperative societies in Kolar, Tumakuru, Mandya, Ramanagaram, Bengaluru Urban and Rural districts will be participating in the massive rally.

Huge losses

Stating that the government has not allowed increase in price rise, he said that BAMUL has reported a loss of ₹24 crore in the last three months due to supply of 2,400 tonnes of milk powder for Ksheera Bhagya scheme in Bidar, Kalaburagi, Yadgir, Ramanagaram, Bengaluru Urban and Rural districts.

"While the production cost of milk powder was ₹305 per kg, union gets about ₹245 per kg after deducting levy to KMF, transportation and other costs. While we are currently giving an average rate of 28 for procurement of milk from farmers, the union will be able to raise the procurement cost if government properly compensates for the milk powder supply," Mr. Narasimhamurthy said.

State to fund treatment of rare diseases for SC/STs

Monetary aid to be given through SAST

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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The State government on Thursday announced monetary aid for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes patients who are suffering from rare diseases that require expensive surgeries.

While several diseases are currently being covered under Ayushman Bharat Arogya Karnataka (AB-ArK) health insurance scheme, certain rare diseases that require expensive surgeries are not under the scheme hitting patients hard.

Health and Medical Education Minister K. Sudhakar said as there is no facility to provide treatment in government hospitals, monetary aid will be provided by the State through Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust (SAST) using unspent SCSP/TSP fund allocation.

"Currently, a total of ₹23.18 crore of unspent allocations exist and this will be used to fund this new scheme. The government will provide ₹10,000 for PET Scan, ₹7 lakh and ₹21 lakh for Autologous and Allogeneic bone marrow transplant, respectively, and ₹1.5 lakh for robotic surgeries. A Government Order to this effect has been issued on Thursday," he said.

Proposals invited for ACCS design challenge

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The Advanced Computing and Communications Society (ACCS) has invited proposals for the 7th annual ACCS design challenge, to be hosted at IIIT-Bangalore.

According to a release from ACCS, proposals for ADC 2022 are invited in the domains of healthcare, energy management, smart transportation systems, IOT, agriculture and wearable technologies. Designs should be centred on any 32-bit or 64-bit microcontroller boards, developed around industry standard platforms like Mbed, OpenSDA. Proposals should be submitted online www.accsindia.org/adc2022/ by September 10. For details, call 080-23607142.

Road infra projects can address water woes and cut costs: Gadkari

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari along with Minister of State V.K. Singh at an expo in Bengaluru on Thursday. • PTI

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Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, said his ministry was prepared to address the water woes of the country. The Minister was in flood-hit Bengaluru to inaugurate Manthan, a two-day national conference cum public expo.

"The Union government has come up with the Amrit Sarovar scheme. The Road Transport and Highway Ministry can do great work in addressing our woes around water," he said during the programme.

Mr. Gadkari said he hailed from the Vidarbha region where 10,000 farmers had committed suicide, mostly due to agrarian crises triggered by water scarcity.

"There is water crisis everywhere. There is no dearth of water, but no proper management of water. We can use our highways for building lakes. Highways require soil, which can be obtained in a manner that new water bodies can be formed," Mr. Gadkari said.

This would not only fulfil the road construction requirement but also create new lakes in rural areas, which would eventually increase the groundwater table, the Minister added.

He said, for example, a university got 36 new lakes and the nearby villages got 22 new wells thanks to certain projects by NHAI.

The Union Minister said such an integrated approach and innovative measure would also decrease the cost of infrastructure projects in the country.

High Court fiat on NIA cases

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The special court set up to deal with the National Investigation Agency's (NIA) cases can also try cases against the accused persons facing charges only under the Indian Penal Code (IPC) when such persons are linked to the case of same incident/transaction registered under specified criminal laws that are exclusively triable by the special court for NIA cases, said the High Court of Karnataka.

DJ Halli case

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order while rejecting a petition filed by 28-year-old Sayyed Sohel Torvi, a resident of Bengaluru. The petitioner is an accused in the chargesheet filed by the NIA on the violence occurred in KG Halli-DJ Halli localities in the city on August 11, 2020.

The petitioner had sought a direction to transfer trial against him to a regular jurisdictional court while contending NIA court cannot proceed against him as he was charged only for the offences under the IPC and not under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), 1967. The UAPA is among the specified criminal laws, offences under which are exclusively triable by the special court for NIA cases.

Though petitioner was part of the mob that indulged in the acts that attract punishment under the UAPA, he was not charged under Section 18 of the UAPA for conspiracy with other accused but was charged for criminal conspiracy under Section 120B of the IPC.

Court empowered

However, the High Court, after analysing the provision of the NIA Act, 2008, the Code of Criminal Procedure and the apex court's verdicts, said that "Section 14 of the NIA Act empowers the special court to try any other offence with which the accused may, under the IPC be charged, at the same trial, if the offence is connected with such other offence.

While upholding order passed by the NIA court refusing to transfer the case against the petitioner to a regular jurisdictional court, the High Court said that petitioner can also be tried by the special court for NIA cases, notwithstanding the fact that the offences alleged against him are the ones under the IPC, in the light of the fact that they arose out of the very same transaction/incident.

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Office of the Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture - West Zone, BBMP, 8th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560003.
No: SADH(W)/TENDER/PR/04/2022-23 Date: 08-09-2022
INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
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The Horticulture Superintendent (West), (Referred to as Employer in these documents) invites tenders in accordance with KTPP Rules 2000, from eligible and experienced Person / Agencies / Firms (Referred to as Tenderers in these documents) registered in Labour Department for Maintenance of Parks.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work / Category	Estimated Amount (in Rs.)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Maintenance of Parks and Statues in Ward No. 44, Marappanapalya (Balance Portion) - (Others)	10,35,000/-	25,875/-
2	Maintenance of Parks in Ward No. 68, Mahalakshmipuram (Balance Portion) - (Others)	6,53,000/-	16,325/-
3	Maintenance of Parks in Ward No. 75, Shankar Mutt (Balance Portion) - (Others)	3,20,000/-	8,000/-

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 15-09-2022. 2) Date of Tender Closing: 19-09-2022. 3) Date of Opening of Technical Bid: 20-09-2022, 11.00 AM onwards. 4) Date of Opening of Financial Bid: 25-09-2022 (if possible). Further details can be had from the above office.
Sd/- Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (West Zone), BBMP.
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No:ZPB/ADMIN-1/107/2021-22 DATE: 08.09.2022
NOTIFICATION
Procurement Deteils: PROVIDING MAN POWER OUT SOURCE SERVICES TO ZP AND TPs OF BALLARI, PRED DIVISION AND SUB-DIVISION, BALLARI RURAL WATER SUPLY & SANITATION DIVISION AND SUB-DIVISION, BALLARI. Tender No: ZPB/ADMIN1-1/107/2021-22. Amount put to Tender: Rs.107.00 laksh. Last date and time for receipt of tenders: 23.09.2022 @ 04.00 PM. More information visit e-Procurement official website address: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.
Sd/- Deputy Secretary (Admin) and Tender Inviting Authority Zilla Panchayath, Ballari.
DIPR/Ballari/425/MCA/2022-23

Udupi City Municipal Council
K M Marg, Udupi - 576101
Tender Notification No:UCMC/HS/ABC/01/2022-23 Date: 07.09.2022
Tender Notice (Only Through e-procurement) Call-2
Udupi CMC invites detailed proposals ("the Proposals") for conducting survey(Census of dogs), Catching Stray Dogs, implementing the Animal Birth Control (ABC) / Anti Rabies Vaccination (ARV) Programme and Euthanizing the sick, rabid & rogue dogs in a humane manner. The Request for Proposal (RFP) Document may be downloaded for the e-procurement s web site. The Proposals would be evaluated and the Successful Bidder would be selected on the basis of the criteria specified in the RFP document.
Tender Reference:(E procurement): UCMC/HS/ABC/01/2022-23/Call-2, Period for downloading the tender document for e-Procurement web site: From 07-09-2022 to 21-09-2022
Last date for submission of Proposal (Proposal Due Date): 17:00 Hrs on 22-09-2022
Sd/- Municipal Commissioner Udupi CMC
DIPR/ADU/MCA/395/22-23 Dt. 08.09.22

IN BRIEF

Tirumala Brahmotsavam now in tourism calendar

TIRUPATI

The annual Brahmotsavam schedule at the temple of Lord Venkateswara on Tirumala hills is now available in the national tourism calendar, with the Union Tourism Ministry working towards getting it included in the list of special events of tourist importance. Apart from this, the annual festival at the Srikalahastheeswara Swamy temple in Srikalahasti town has also been included in the calendar. Member of Parliament (Tirupati) M. Gurumoorthy, who had written to the Union Tourism Minister G. Kishan Reddy last November, thanked the ministry for the prompt action.

SC orders restoration of criminal complaint against V. Senthilbalaji

'Corruption by a public servant is an offence against State and society at large'

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday ordered the restoration of a criminal complaint quashed by the Madras High Court against Tamil Nadu Minister V. Senthilbalaji and others accused of taking bribes in exchange for jobs in the Metropolitan Transport Corporation (MTC).

"Corruption by a public servant is an offence against the State and society at large," a judgment authored by a Bench of Justices S. Abdul Nazeer and V. Ramasubramanian observed.

Justice Ramasubramanian, who authored the judgment, said the High Court erred in quashing the case just because a "compromise" was struck between the "bribe-giver" and the "bribe-taker".

V. Senthilbalaji

The public at large eventually suffers at the hands of candidates who slip into the public service stream through corruption. "We cannot shy away from the fact that candidates, who are selected and appointed to posts in the government/ public corporations by adopting corrupt practices, are eventually called upon to render public service," Justice Ramasubramanian said.

"It is needless to say that the quality of public service rendered by such persons will be inversely proportionate to the corrupt practices adopted by them. Therefore, the public, who are recipients of these services, also become victims, though indirectly, because the consequences of such appointments get reflected sooner or later in the work performed by the appointees," Justice Ramasubramanian observed.

The judgment found it shocking how the de facto complainant in the corruption case, Arulmani, who worked with MTC, had later become a party to the "collection of money for illegitimate purposes", filed an affidavit supporting the "compromise" and even went on to claim that he had "never made any allegations against the Minister".

"We leave it at that in the hope that the employer and the State would take notice of his conduct," Justice Ramasubramanian spoke for the Bench in the judgment.

Temple idols stolen 60 years ago traced to U.S.

R. SIVARAMAN
CHENNAI

Three antique bronze idols that were stolen from Soundararaja Perumal temple at Sundara Perumalkovil village near Kumbakonam 60 years ago have now been traced by the Idol Wing CID to museums and an auction house in the U.S. The authorities have also initiated the process for their restitution. On February 12, 2020, Ka. Raja, executive officer, Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments (HR&CE) Department, associated with the temple, lodged a complaint with the Idol Wing CID, alleging that miscreants had stolen an antique idol of Thirumangai Alwar and replaced it with a fake one.

'75.38% of children in Karnataka exposed to SARS-CoV-2'

Key findings

Total children covered	Crude seroprevalence of IgG antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 found in	Overall adjusted seroprevalence of IgG against SARS-CoV-2 found in	Case-to-infection ratio was found to be
5,358	70.11%	75.38%	1:37

IgG positivity higher in females at 77.83%

Higher IgG positivity of 77.96% in participants from non-slum urban areas

DISTRICTS WITH HIGH SEROPREVALENCE OF IgG		DISTRICTS WITH LOW SEROPREVALENCE OF IgG	
Chikkamagaluru	100%	Kalaburagi	43.24%
Bagalkot	91.12%	Yadgir	48.20%
Uttara Kannada	89.61%	Udupi	52.31%
Gadag	88.62%	Haveri	59.47%
BBMP area	86.88%	Ramanagaram	62.72%

SEROPREVALENCE IN BBMP ZONES

Yelahanka	94.69%
Rajarajeshwarinagar	91.64%
South Zone	90.75%
West Zone	85.02%
Mahadevapura	82.47%
Bommanahalli	81.51%

Lowest in Dasarahalli at 62.37%

Highest in East zone at 95.19%

AFSHAN YASMEEN
BENGALURU

Findings of Karnataka's third sero-survey involving 5,358 unvaccinated children aged six to 14 found that 75.38% of them have been exposed to the coronavirus so far.

Taken up following recommendations by the State's COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), the survey began on June 6. It was aimed at understanding the active COVID-19 infection, the prevalence of COVID-19 antibodies, the waning of antibodies following natural infection, the incidence of re-infection, and the prevalent strain of SARS-CoV-2 in children.

The survey covered children in both urban and rural areas in all districts, including the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) areas. Samples of children who had symptoms but tested negative for COVID-19 were tested for other influenza diseases.

"Of the 5,358 participants surveyed, 29 samples were rejected, and 5,329 had a valid IgG result. The crude seroprevalence of IgG antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 was 70.11% as of June 14, 2022, which was the end date for the paediatric sero-survey. The overall adjusted seroprevalence of IgG was 75.38% at the State level, obtained after adjusting for the sensitivity and specificity of the antibody testing kit," stated the survey report released on Thursday.

The case-to-infection ratio was found to be 1:37 based on the total reported COVID-19 cases in the age group of six to 14 (2,23,750) as of June 14. Of the 5,358 participants, 2,726 (50.9%) were boys and 2,632 (49.1 %) were girls. While 1,662 (31%) were in the six to eight age group, 1,917 (35.8%) were in the nine to 11 age group and the rest 1,779 (33.2%) were in the 12 to 14 age group.

While 1,625 (30.3%) were from urban slums, 1,681 (31.4 %) were from non-slum urban areas and the rest 2,052 (38.3%) were from rural areas. The percentage of school-going participants was 93.5% (5,013).

A total of 709 (13.23%) participants were symptomatic and the remaining 4,649 (86.77%) were asymptomatic during the survey.

High in female children

Among the participants with valid IgG results, IgG positivity was higher in females (77.83%) than in males (73.02%).

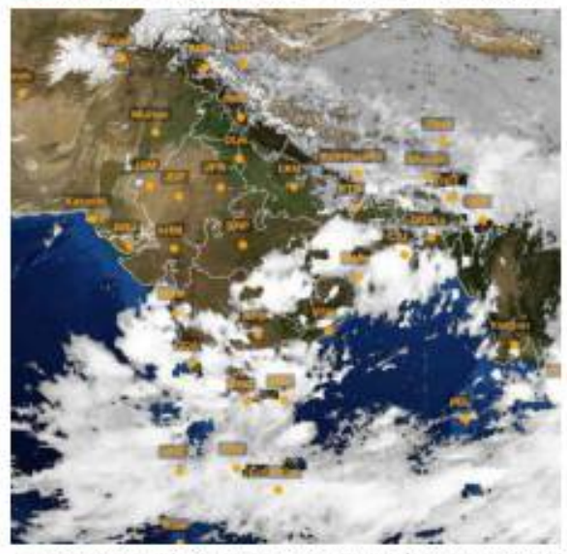
The survey found that overall 86.88% of children in the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) areas were exposed to SARS-CoV-2. While the highest seroprevalence of IgG was seen in the East Zone (95.19%), Yelahanka (94.69%) and Rajarajeshwarinagar (91.64%) followed.

Dasarahalli Zone (62.37%) had the lowest seroprevalence followed by Bommanahalli (81.51%) and Mahadevapura (82.47%).

Of the 5,358 participants surveyed, 23 samples had inconclusive results and 29 were rejected, thereby giving a total of 5,278 valid RT-PCR results. Among the valid RT-PCR reports, only two (0.04%) were RT-PCR positive, one symptomatic participant from Udupi and one asymptomatic participant from Chitradurga.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 16.00 HRS)

Forecast for Friday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Manipur, Tripura, Odisha, Telangana, coastal Andhra Pradesh, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Kerala. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Sikkim, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Karaikal and Lakshadweep

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	5	35.4	26.0	Kozhikode	68	30.6	23.4
Ahmedabad	–	38.0	28.4	Kurnool	27	28.4	23.4
Aizawl	–	–	20.9	Lucknow	16.6	34.8	25.6
Allahabad	–	35.5	27.6	Madurai	0.4	34.0	24.2
Bengaluru	4	24.5	19.9	Mangaluru	62.9	25.6	23.1
Bhopal	–	32.6	25.0	Mumbai	26	32.0	24.2
Bhubaneswar	8	33.7	26.4	Mysuru	14	30.7	20.6
Chandigarh	–	37.3	26.0	New Delhi	–	37.4	26.5
Chennai	–	28.9	26.4	Patna	0.2	32.8	27.6
Coimbatore	3	31.0	21.8	Port Blair	69	29.4	22.0
Dehradun	19	33.2	22.7	Puducherry	14.1	31.4	23.2
Gangtok	24	20.4	17.6	Pune	47.8	29.6	21.6
Goa	80	30.2	23.9	Raipur	1	33.4	26.8
Guwahati	0.2	35.1	26.2	Ranchi	7	31.6	22.7
Hubballi	–	28.0	22.0	Shillong	0.4	25.1	19.0
Hyderabad	42	29.9	21.2	Shimla	–	24.2	15.3
Imphal	0.6	31.9	19.6	Srinagar	–	32.1	16.8
Jaipur	–	36.2	27.2	Thiruvananthapuram	3	29.4	23.7
Kochi	15	28.8	25.2	Tiruchi	–	33.7	25.5
Kohima	–	27.6	17.7	Vijayawada	5	27.6	24.2
Kolkata	–	35.4	28.4	Visakhapatnam	14	30.8	24.5

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — Yesterday

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	39	72	56	62	61	
Bengaluru	12	34	101	–	54	
Chennai	3	37	112	45	42	
Delhi	14	29	43	185	150	
Hyderabad	28	33	30	74	72	
Kolkata	7	33	15	29	40	
Lucknow	10	99	44	73	95	
Mumbai	8	49	20	59	78	
Pune	–	34	82	–	–	–
Visakhapatnam	22	29	22	24	34	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Aurangabad, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 360 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Davanagere, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 11

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

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ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ/ಕುನಿನಿ/ಜಾಯೋಯೋ(400)/22-23 ದಿ: 06.09.2022

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

No:KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK-INDENT1259/Call-3 Date:07.09.2022

SHORT-TERM BID NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement portal)

Sealed bids are invited in duplicate for the work of **"Design, Manufacture, Inspection and Testing at Firm's work, Supply, Dismantling of old starter panels, erection, testing & commissioning of 2 Nos. soft starters for 150 HP Fire Hydrant & Mulsifyre pump & 1 No. Soft starters for 75 HP submersible Drainage pump along with supply of Power cable at Nagjhari Power House"** covering all associated works and components to suit the site conditions, from reputed bidders with proven track record of successful completion of similar works. The details of NIT & Brief Bid Notification can also be viewed on **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Last date for receipt of completed bids: **15.09.2022 up to 16:00 Hrs.** with EMD: **Rs. 49,100/-** and Tender Processing Fee (as per e-procurement) Date of opening of Part-1 (Pre-qualification and Technical Bid): **17.09.2022 at 10:00 Hrs.** and date of opening of Part-II (Price Bid) of the successful qualified bidders will be intimated later. Further details can be had from **The Executive Engineer (Generator) Nagjhari KPCL, Ambikanagar- 581363, Haliyal (Tq.) Karwar (Dt.), Karnataka Mobile: 9449599106 e-Mail: eegennph@gmail.com & eegenkalikpcl@karnataka.gov.in**

Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL, Dandavathi Reservoir Project Division, Shikaripura.

Short Term Tender Notification- 20/2022-23 Date: 07-09-2022
(Two document System & E- Procurement System only)

Short term percentage tender are invited as per K.T.P.P Act 2000 on behalf of Managing Director KNNL Bangalore from eligible contractors such as **KPWD Class- II/III & above** (For Class-III bidders registration certificate issued by KPWD Shivamogga Circle should be uploaded) The tenderers are required to submit tenders only through E- procurement portal of Govt of Karnataka **(http:// www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in).**

Development of Akka Mahadevi Memorial at Uduthadi Works for Amount put to tender Rs. 343.03 lakhs to Rs. 85.77 lakhs and EMD Rs. **3.44 lakhs** to Rs.**0.86 lakhs.**

1) Date of Pre bid meeting : **15-09-2022 @11.00AM.**(O/o Executive Engineer, KNNL, DRP Division Shikaripura 2) Date of downloading & submission of tender (through e- procurement) will be on **08-09-2022** to **16-09-2022** up to **4.00 PM** 3) Opening of technical bid will be on **17-09-2022 @ 5.00 PM** 4) Financial bid will be opened after approval of technical bid. For more details visit website from **Date-08-09-2022** at **(http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in).**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
KNNL, DRP Division Shikaripura

DIPR/SNG/No.42-05/ZEN/KAR/2022-23

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client is intended to purchase the immovable property described in the Schedule below from **Sri. A. RAJASHEKAR** Son of Sri. B.A. Annaiyappa, (hereinafter referred to as Owner for the sake of brevity) and the said Owner has represented my client that he has purchased/acquired the Schedule Property for a valuable sale consideration from Sri. R. Natesh Shettair, S/o Sri. Ramalingasetty, under a SALE DEED dated 28.09.1983, registered as **Document No.2300/1983-84** of Book-I, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar, Bangalore and further represented that he is in peaceful, vacant, lawful, uninterrupted possession and enjoyment over the Schedule Property as ABSOLUTE OWNER free from all claims, encumbrance/s and litigation/s etc.,

Any person / institution having any right, title, share, claim or interest of any nature in the Schedule Property or any objections of any manner whatsoever to the above sale transaction between my client and **Sri. A. RAJASHEKAR** Son of Sri.B.A.Annaiyappa,is hereby called upon to notify the undersigned and file written objections/claims along-with supporting documents within **15 (FIFTEEN) days** from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below. If no such claim is received, it would be deemed that the above mentioned owner has clear and marketable title to the property specified below and that others do not have any claim over the same and /or claims if any will be deemed to have been waived. Any claims raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE and PARCEL of the entire Immovable Property being Residential House bearing Site No.71, Property No.71-78/2, situated at Suddaguntepalya, Corporation Division No.35, Bangalore City, now within the jurisdiction of BBMP LIMITS, bearing New Municipal No.15, (Old No.71), PID No.63-81-15, situated at 1st Cross Road, Venkateshwara Extension, Bangalore, BBMP Ward Name: Suddaguntepalya & Ward No.152, Bangalore and Measuring East to West:25 feet or 7.62 meters and North to South :60 feet or 18.28 meters and Bounded on **East by:** Site No.72, **West by:** Site No.73, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Site No.63 & 64.

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No: MUN/NAG-3(Saving)/CR- /2022-23 Dated: 05-09-2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

1) Name of work 1) Bidar CMC DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT136236 under Nagarothana-3 (Saving) scheme. 2) Basavakalyan CMC DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT137230 under Nagarothana-3 (4% inc) (Saving) scheme. 2) Estimated cost: As per e-portal, 3) Eligibility of Agency / Consultant: As per e-portal 4) EMD amount: As per e-portal, 5) Pre bid meeting date: 20-09-2022 at 11.00 AM 6) Last date for submission of tender: 26-09-2022 upto 04.30 PM, 7) Technical bid opening 27-09-2022 at 05.00 PM, 8) Address for communication: Project Director, DUDC, DC Office Bidar, Pin code 585401, Email : itstaff_dudc_bidar@yahoo.com 08482-229332, 9) Website: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner, Bidar

DIPR/Bidar/223/MC&A/2022-23

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PUBLIC NOTICE Dated 7-9-2022

In Respect of Properties of Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Churches and its institutions.

It is brought to the notice of the Administrator appointed by the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court by order dated 08.08.2022, that Properties owned /possessed by the TELC and its institutions are being sold/ encumbered, contrary to the order passed in CRP (MD) No.2385 of 2010 dated 29-01-2013, affirmed by the Supreme Court with further directions in SLP (Civil) Number 16775 of 2013 on 16-09-2013, interim order passed in LPA No's3 & 5 of 2015 by the Division Bench of the Madras High Court dated 24-07-2016 and other court orders.

Further in WP No.11679 of 2017, the Division Bench of the Madras High Court passed an interim order on 04-05-2017, directing the inspector General of Registration Chennai to issue a Circular to all the Sub Registrars, directing not to register any document in respect of the properties belonging or owned by the TELC without getting permission from the High Court. The IG Registration in circular/ letter no 21379/C1/2017 dated 24-05-2017 issued such circular and communicated to all the Sub-Registrars in the state. Final order was passed by the Division Bench on 27-07-2017, recording the issuance of the said circular.

Thus it is evident that properties of the TELC or its institutions cannot be sold or encumbered i.e. by giving long lease without getting prior permission of the High Court. The members of the Public, members of TELC Churches. its office - bearers, past, present and future are informed that if any of the property of TELC or its institutions is sold agreed to be sold or encumbered by giving long period of lease without the High Court permission, the same are null and void as it is a settled principle of law that any action taken contrary to the court order is nullity and the person concerned will not get any right.

If any one of the properties are sold/ agreed to be sold/ encumbered by giving long lease by any person connected with the TELC Church or its institutions and Cheated anyone, it is for the concerned person to lodge a police complaint for commiting offences of cheating, criminal conspiracy and other IPC offences. It is made clear that no property of TELC is for sale or for long term lease and the public are informed accordingly. This public notice is issued by the Secretary & Election Officer, and Finance & Property Officer of TELC with the approval of the present Administrator of TELC.

Sd N.RETNARAJ
Secretary & Election Officer

Sd G.JEYACHANDRAN
Finance& Property Officer

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NOTIFICATION INVITING TENDER (NIT) (Through e-procurement portal)

No. CE(E)/CZ/SEE(O)/AEE-1/2022-23/4683-684 Date: 07-09-2022

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Availability of Bid documents : 09.09.2022 at 12:00 Hrs onwards. **Last date for bid submission :** 23.09.2022 at 17:00 Hrs. **Opening of Technical Bids :** 27.09.2022 at 11:00 Hrs. **Pre-Bid meeting :** 16.09.2022 at 11:00 Hrs. **Last date for submission of Queries :** 19.09.2022 before 17:00 Hrs. **Venue :** Chief Engineer office, BESCOM, Opp. RTO office, Turuvanur Road, Chitradurga - 577501.

The bid documents can be downloaded and necessary assistance can be obtained through the e-procurement portal from the website **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in E-procurement Help Desk: Phone No: +91-8046010000 +91-8022631200 E-mail: support@ihelpdsk.com** Aspiring bidders need to be registered on e-procurement portal. Bidders can take the assistance from the e-procurement during working hours.

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No.SEE/T(W&M)/MYS/EEE(O)/AEE-1/3250-53/2022-23 Date: 06.09.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(E-Procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites bids for the following works:

1) Bid Enquiry No:KPTCL/SEE/T(W&M)/MYS/EEE(O)/AEE-2/Wedge/2021-22/285/11.01.2022/call-2 Dtd:06.09.2022 **for Design, Manufacture, Testing and Supply of C type wedge connectors of various sizes required for Hootagally TL&SS Division coming under Tr (W&.M) Circle, Mysuru.**

2. Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/T(W&M)/MYS/SEE/EEE(O)/AE-3/Survey/06 **for Conducting a detailed survey for Construction of 66kV SC line on DC towers using Coyote conductor for a distance of 35km from Madikeri S/s to the proposed Sampanje S/s In Madikeri Taluk, Kodagu District using Modern Survey technique.**

3. Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/T(W&M)/MYS/SEE/EEE(O)/AE-3/Survey/07 **for Conducting a detailed survey for Construction office 66kV SC line on DC towers using Coyote conductor for a distance of 30km from proposed Murnad substation to proposed Padakallu. (Bhagamandala) substation on Madikeri Tq, Kodagu district.**

The detailed notification regarding above said enquiry in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyper link **"e-Procurement"** OR **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **13.09.2022**". Any further details can be obtained from the Office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/-, Superintending Engineer, Elecl., Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, 1st Floor, Prasarana Bhavana, FTS Compound, Mysuru-570007.

Discovery of Congress

The Bharat Jodo Yatra should live up to its mission and not be about Rahul Gandhi

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra, literally a 'unite India march', is an ambitious political project that will test his acceptance as a leader and the mood of the country. Kicked off on Wednesday in Kanniyakumari at the tip of the Indian peninsula, the march will cover 3,500 km in close to five months across 12 States and two Union Territories to reach Kashmir. Mr. Gandhi said the march was an effort to unite all Indians behind the values of the national flag, the core of which is diversity. The Congress leader said those values were now under threat from Hindutva, the ideology of the current regime. Mr. Gandhi, a strident and consistent critic of Hindutva, and a votary of diversity, federalism and liberalism, has not been able to mobilise sufficient public support behind his thinking so far to revive the Congress. Meanwhile, Hindutva remains popular enough to win power in Delhi, though its geographical spread is still patchy. Mr. Gandhi has faced criticism of being a sporadic political actor with limited capacity for sustained action. By venturing into such a long and challenging enterprise, he is possibly testing his own endurance. Such political journeys have historically and in the recent past rewritten the fortunes of leaders and ideas – from M.K. Gandhi to L.K. Advani. Mr. Gandhi will therefore be closely followed every step of the way by his admirers, critics and, more importantly, open-minded sceptics.

What matters for Mr. Gandhi will be what the undecided section of Indian population makes of his *yatra*. The Congress had announced this *yatra* at a brainstorming session in Udaipur in May. This *yatra* would be more productive in conjunction with the other measures announced in Udaipur to revamp the party. Of particular distaste for the neutral people of India is the continuing trend of dynasties capturing positions of power at the cost of the ordinary, talented workers in the Congress. The Udaipur conclave had resolved to check the level of dynastic inheritance of power in the party, but that has remained on paper. Mr. Gandhi is acutely aware of the toxic legacy that shackles the party. In response, he has swung between a self-effacing approach and the promotion of his own coterie in place of the previous. Mr. Gandhi will have to discover, inspire, and incentivise the Congress worker through this journey. The notion that NGOs and actors outside the Congress structure will give buoyancy to his politics is wrong and misplaced. Mr. Gandhi will have to convince the general public of his capacity to lead a national change and also motivate the party's workers who have long been trampled by one group of rootless imposters after another. That is a long, and even lonely, journey.

AIADMK's troubles

Mr. Panneerselvam must take on Mr. Palaniswami politically instead of legal route

By overruling a single judge's impractical prescription for a working relationship between estranged leaders Edappadi K. Palaniswami and O. Panneerselvam, a Division Bench of the Madras High Court has momentarily removed the "functional deadlock" in the AIADMK. Justices M. Duraiswamy and Sunder Mohan, allowing an appeal from Mr. Palaniswami, set aside the verdict ordering *status quo ante* as of June 23, when dual leadership prevailed. The judges have rightly elucidated that with the impossibility of a truce, a situation has arisen where the party, as a whole, will undergo irreparable hardship if the two leaders are mandated to jointly manage the party affairs. The court has justifiably underscored the supremacy of the general council, whose members are elected by the primary members, in determining the party leadership structure and ratifying any changes made to it by the executive council. This effectively validates Mr. Palaniswami's election as interim general secretary at the July 11 special general council meeting, convened on the request of most of its members. The judges, interestingly, have drawn parallels with the developments in the AIADMK five years ago when its jailed interim general secretary V.K. Sasikala was replaced by the Panneerselvam-Palaniswami duo, to validate the current abolition of the dual leadership structure. It has held that the convening of the special general council by the presidium chairman cannot be termed illegal since the coordinator and joint coordinator are at loggerheads. Loopholes in the party's bye-laws, which do not contemplate written notice for convening general council meetings or mandate notice for holding special general council meetings requisitioned by at least one-fifth of its members, too worked in favour of Mr. Palaniswami.

The court, curiously, has left open the question of whether the dual posts lapsed due to non-ratification by the general council. With Mr. Panneerselvam determined to challenge the order in the Supreme Court, the legal see-saw battle is not over. It is beyond doubt the internal political balance of convenience is with Mr. Palaniswami. Except for one legislator, none of the 2,539 of the 2,665 members of the party general council, who filed affidavits before the Election Commission of India in his support, has switched loyalties since accepting his leadership. Whereas, Mr. Panneerselvam has been repeatedly relying on the legal fine print to restore his position as a partner with shared managing powers in the AIADMK. Instead of fortifying his base and providing the necessary political challenge to Mr. Palaniswami, he has had no qualms in soliciting those sidelined or expelled from the AIADMK, decisions to which he was a signatory. There is no doubt that the ongoing battle has disrupted the party's focus and functioning. It is critical for the party, which will complete its 50th year next month, that the leadership question is settled quickly.

'Faustian bargain' versus principles is the toss-up

Politicians in India need to ask themselves whether ethics are more important than 'gain now, damnation forever'

PETER RONALD DESOUZA

In an opinion article ("'Serial killer' remark makes it clear Kejriwal will bait Modi") published on August 27, 2022 on the site of a leading television channel in India, the Editor of Satya Hindi wrote about the campaign by Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal for the upcoming Gujarat Assembly elections. The writer appreciated the many aspects of Mr. Kejriwal's politics, for example, his ability to coin slogans such as 'serial killer', his accessible language that was jargon free, his tactic of ridiculing the Prime Minister's exaggerated claims so that he could get media attention, and his positioning AAP as the primary challenger to the incumbent Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Mr. Kejriwal offered the Delhi model of education and health as the alternative to the failed Gujarat model. The writer of the article, however, ended this appreciation on a sharply critical note.

An unacceptable silence

For the writer of the article, Mr. Kejriwal's silence, on the release recently of 11 men convicted for murder and rape during the Gujarat riots, was unacceptable. These men had killed Bilkis Bano's three-year-old child. And Ms. Bano was gang-raped. In their orgy of evil, they murdered several others. The accounts of what happened are stomach churning. The new hatred that roves the land, spawned by a politics of othering, was on gruesome display. It is fortunate that the courts sentenced the guilty to life imprisonment, but the Gujarat government, using a law that permits remission, released them early from jail by arguing that they had served their time. When the 11 men emerged from the penitentiary they were greeted with garlands and *ladoos*. On seeing these pictures of their release and the celebrations, one wondered, in despair, how much more perversity our nation can endure. What sort of Machiavellian mind would consider the core moral issues of their crimes to be irrelevant? How about even just plain decency? Since elections are around the corner, and constituencies are to be placated, it seems that the calculus of power is alone important. That is the signal from the BJP government in Gujarat.

Despite the outrage among decent citizens, Mr. Kejriwal, however, remained silent. This, for the opinion article writer (mentioned earlier), was unacceptable.

Roosevelt's compromise

As I was adding my own endorsement to his condemnation, I recalled a scholarly study on U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt by the eminent political scientist Ira Katznelson of Columbia University. In his magisterial work, *Fear Itself: The New Deal and the Origins of Our Time*, Professor Katznelson credits Roosevelt with fashioning the new state in the U.S. with his comprehensive package of 'New Deal' policies. These pulled America out of the recession, created a new body of entitlements, and set the legal framework for an empowered capitalist state. Further, Roosevelt was the President who took America into the Second World War.

To achieve these gains, Roosevelt had to make tough compromises particularly with the members of Congress from the 13 southern erstwhile slave-owning States whose votes were necessary to pass the relevant legislation. For example, their support for the bill

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regarding the army draft helped its passage by 203 to 202 votes; 123 votes, out of 131, were from the southern block. To get their backing for the 'New Deal', Roosevelt had to overlook their overt racism. He refused to intervene when civil rights activists tried to make lynching a federal offence. He overlooked the segregation housing policy of the Tennessee Valley Authority. There were many such unpleasant compromises with this racist block that Roosevelt made which, although distasteful, he felt necessary for the greater benefits of a New America. Compromise with evil today was necessary for a greater good tomorrow.

Other examples

Was Mr. Kejriwal's silence similar to Roosevelt's compromise? It appears so since his policies of transforming public education and health in Delhi and Punjab, and hopefully later in Gujarat, require him, he thinks, to play a soft Hindutva card. The vote must not be fractured. Since his powerful opponent reaps the benefits of hard Hindutva, Mr. Kejriwal thinks, soft Hindutva, along with good governance, will give him a winning political formula.

Prof. Katznelson called Roosevelt's compromises with the southern racists a 'Faustian bargain'. Is Mr. Kejriwal too making such a bargain when he chose not to condemn the release of the 11 men who were convicted for serious crimes? Perhaps deposed Myanmarese leader Aung San Suu Kyi also made a Faustian bargain when she made a deal with the Myanmarese Generals to come to power despite the atrocities by the army against the Rohingya. For her deal, and her silence on the atrocities, she was globally condemned with some even asking for the Nobel Peace Prize that was conferred on her in 1991 to to be taken back. Was Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's deal with the BJP a Faustian bargain which has now come unstuck as he has joined hands with the Rashtriya Janata Dal? Has Chief Minister of Odisha Naveen Patnaik made a Faustian bargain with the BJP? Did the former Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi enter into a Faustian bargain with the Government that resulted in his nomination to the Rajya Sabha? Do Attorney Generals make Faustian bargains when they deviate, and remain silent, from their defined role of advising the Government on the constitutionality of its policies and actions, as did William Barr who was United States Attorney General in the Donald Trump government?

So, what is a 'Faustian bargain'? Its classical definition refers to a pact where someone trades something of supreme moral and spiritual value to them, a core principle which defines their essential being, in return for power, knowledge, or wealth. The idea comes from the German legend of Johann Georg Faust who sold his soul to the devil for unlimited knowledge and worldly pleasures. This was for a fixed period. It is a tale that has inspired great literature from Christopher Marlowe's play *Doctor Faustus* to Goethe's drama *Faust*. In this bargain, Faust's soul gets reclaimed by the devil for eternity when the contract expires. This is a hard bargain. Gain now. Damnation forever. In modern terms, this means a temporary benefit gained for the suspension, or suppression, of one's conscience. The guilt of the compromise, however, does not go away.

Pertinent questions

While the definition speaks in general terms, the question we must consider is whether it applies only to the big leaders, such as Roosevelt. Or does it even apply to senior bureaucrats and heads of institutions? I believe all of us make 'Faustian bargains'. This raises the allied question: can the bargain, however distasteful and unethical it may be, be justified by better outcomes measured in utilitarian terms. Roosevelt's bargain produced the New Deal. Mr. Kejriwal may produce a better government in Gujarat. Aung San Suu Kyi's produced a democratic government in Myanmar. Do all politicians have to make Faustian bargains, assuming they are committed to the public interest that the bargain is supposed to serve?

In contrast to the Faustian bargain, some politicians prefer not to make compromises believing that it is better to take public positions that are consistent with one's values rather than adopt a utilitarian calculus of compromise with evil for a future good. Gandhiji entered into no Faustian bargain. Nor did Nelson Mandela or Jawaharlal Nehru or Rabindranath Tagore. Babasaheb Ambedkar resigned when he felt Nehru had undermined his position as the Law Minister on the Hindu Code Bill which he wanted to be discussed. His resignation speech is an artistic statement of the principled position.

In politics, therefore, which is the way to go? The Faustian bargain or the principled position?

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The outline of an essential global pandemic treaty

A treaty under the umbrella of the World Health Organization would build coherence and avoid fragmentation

AMAR PATNAIK

COVID-19 would count as being among some of the most severe pandemics the world has seen in the last 100 years. An estimated 18 million people may have died from COVID-19, according various credible estimates, a scale of loss not seen since the Second World War. Further, with over 120 million people pushed into extreme poverty, and a massive global recession, no single government or institution has been able to address this emergency singlehandedly. This has given us a larger perspective of how nobody is safe until everybody is safe.

Widespread health inequity

Health-care systems have been stretched beyond their capacity and gross health inequity has been observed in the distribution of vaccines, diagnostics, and therapeutics across the world. Now, with the World Health Organization (WHO) having declared the monkeypox outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) with over 32,000 cases from over 80 countries (August 2022), the world faces the risk of another health crisis.

While high-income economies are still recovering from the aftereffects, the socioeconomic consequences of the novel coronavirus pandemic are irreversible in low and low middle-income countries. The monopolies held by pharma majors such as Pfizer, BioNTech, and Moderna created at least nine new billionaires since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic and made over $1,000 a second in profits, even as fewer of their vaccines reached people in low-income countries. As of March 2022, only 3% of people in low-income countries had been vaccinated with at least one dose, compared to 60.18% in high-income countries. The international target to vaccinate 70% of the world's population against COVID-19 by mid-2022 was missed because poorer countries were at the "back of the queue" when vaccines were rolled out.

Even six to eight weeks after the PHEIC declaration, countries, except for Asia, did not take the requisite precautions. Similarly, when world leaders pledged €7.4 billion ($8.07 billion) in a digital fundraiser for developing a coronavirus vaccine and treatments, the United States did not send any representative Thus, inequality has also been prolonging the course of the pandemic. And, it is in this backdrop that the creation of a Global Pandemic Treaty was proposed at the Special Session of the World Health Assembly

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(WHASS). The underlying logic was that as global governance had failed during the pandemic, we needed political commitment to mitigate future challenges.

India's lead role

India's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and reinstating global equity by leveraging its own potential has set an example to legislators worldwide. India produces nearly 60% of the world's vaccines and is said to account for 60%-80% of the United Nations' annual vaccine procurement – "vaccine diplomacy" or "vaccine *maitri*" with a commitment against health inequity.

India was unfettered in its resolve to continue the shipment of vaccines and other diagnostics even when it was experiencing a vaccine shortage for domestic use. There was only a brief period of weeks during the peak of the second wave in India when the vaccine mission was halted. As of 2021, India shipped 594.35 lakh doses of 'Made-in-India' COVID-19 vaccines to 72 countries – a classic example of global cooperation. Among these, 81.25 lakh doses were gifts, 339.67 lakh doses were commercially distributed and 173.43 lakh doses were delivered via the Covax programme under the aegis of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. Further, the long tussle with the pharma majors over vaccine patents, especially in the African countries, held back the global vaccination drive. But India stood as a global leader, moving a proposal with South Africa in October 2020 to ask the World Trade Organization (WTO) 'to allow all countries to choose to neither grant nor enforce patents and other intellectual property related to COVID-19 drugs, vaccines, diagnostics and other technologies for the duration of the pandemic, until global herd immunity is achieved'. Even though this proposal was stonewalled by some of the leading countries, it was only in June 2022, that the WTO finally decided to water down intellectual property restrictions in manufacturing COVID-19 vaccines after rigorous efforts.

Lessons learnt, path ahead

In the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen a multitude of initiatives to address the pandemic and to do better in the future such as the Vaccine Alliance. These are all valuable, but a treaty under the umbrella of WHO would, as highlighted by the journal *BMJ*, build coherence and avoid fragmentation. For example, as a document by the University of Groningen shows, among high-income countries and low- and middle-income countries, while the difference between the number of reported cases was relatively similar until late March 2021 (65.3 and 61.2 million, respectively), high-income countries shared on average 16.5-fold more sequences per reported case (1.81% and 0.11%, respectively).

Thus, as mentioned in the *BMJ*, such a treaty should cover crucial aspects such as data sharing and genome sequencing of emerging viruses. It should formally commit governments and parliaments to implement an early warning system and a properly funded rapid response mechanism.

Further, it should mobilise nation states to agree on a set of common metrics that are related to health investments and a return on those investments. These investments should aim to reduce the public-private sector gap.

Finally, a global pandemic treaty will not only reduce socioeconomic inequalities across nation states but also enhance a global pandemic preparedness for future health emergencies. India must take the lead in this.

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The long march

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi's bid to revive and infuse life into the Indian National Congress through the party's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' appears to be an earnest and ambitious exercise (Page 1, "Leading Bharat Yatra, Rahul calls for defending Tricolour", September 8). Perhaps, this would also be the last chance to keep the Congress relevant and transform it into a fighting force. Instead of have a near single-point agenda of only criticising the ruling party, Mr. Gandhi should listen to the people, understand people's problems, the real issues and ground realities, and then plan to articulate the Congress's plans for the nation. There are many issues confronting the nation today. So, people are more interested in knowing what policies the Congress plans to adopt and which are different from those of the government of the day. Uniting India is a very lofty goal. But it cannot be achieved by merely highlighting the shortcomings of the ruling dispensation. The Congress must have an economic plan of action that fires the imagination of all people and make them rally behind the party. Mr. Gandhi needs to build a bond with the common man. Can the party still convince the people that it is still relevant?

KOSARAJU CHANDRAMOULI,
Hyderabad

■ Mr. Gandhi's remarks during the formal launch of the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' are amusing. It is the Grand Old Party of India that has played the communal card when it suited its agenda. The attempt to rake up the now all-too-familiar 'secular-communal' debate does not find resonance with many. It can only be construed as a desperate attempt to infuse life and purpose into a disoriented party.

B. SURESH KUMAR,
Coimbatore

■ The Congress party has only itself to blame for its self-inflicted wounds. Although this initiative marks a beginning to help rejuvenate the party and reconnect it with its grassroot workers and the common man, there are many hurdles to be crossed. Rather than attempt to obfuscate its past follies, the party must make all efforts to bring back disgruntled leaders who have deserted it.

DR. BIJU C. MATHEW,
Thiruvananthapuram

■ There is little substance in the statement by Mr. Gandhi when he says that the Indian tricolour and the values it embodied are under attack. Without overhauling its organisational set up and ensuring a change of leadership at the top, such a *yatra* is unlikely to help the party regain lost ground and live up to the people's expectations.

PRABHU RAJ R.,
Bengaluru

Bangladesh ties

There is no doubt that Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to India is significant and holds promise. Bangladesh is confronting economic issues and strengthening trade relations will bode well for both economies. Addressing the contentious issues of water sharing can further consolidate bilateral ties.

SWAPNIL SANTOSH HILE,
Mumbai

■ There are many problems in the subcontinent and the neighbourhood, especially with China and it is important to build a strong relationship with at least one neighbouring country. Let us hope that there is concrete movement on politically sensitive and emotive issues such as water sharing and border killings.

DIJO PIOUS,
Bengaluru

Familiar story

The story across India seems to be the same, and where human foibles remain the same. The rapid pace of urbanisation has created problems, in turn exposing the unholy nexus between developers and civic bodies. And, in turn, rules and sane urban layouts are flouted. As weather patterns change and rainfall gets intense, the absence of egress for rainwater invites urban misery. Will emerging 'smart cities' resist human avarice?

R. NARAYANAN,
Navi Mumbai

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Should the mother tongue or English be the medium of instruction?

PARLEY

English should be taught effectively not as the medium, but as a second language

Over the years, there has been a raging debate over the need for children to have their mother tongue as the medium of instruction in schools. While educationists have emphasised the importance of learning in the mother tongue to enhance a child's learning and overcome glaring inequities, there has been an equally steady demand for English-medium schools in several States. In a discussion moderated by **S. Poorvaja**, *V. Vasanthi Devi and Anita Rampal explain why and how the language policy can be reoriented. Edited excerpts:*

The National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 says the home language, mother tongue, local language, or regional language wherever possible should be the medium of instruction until at least Grade 5, but preferably till Grade 8. What are your thoughts on this?

Vasanthi Devi: The only component of the NEP I approve of is this meek suggestion that the mother tongue of the child should be the medium of learning. I call it meek because there seems to be no will to enforce it. This is in the context of the NEP's overall philosophy of the privatisation of education and marketisation with no regulatory control to the state. I think there is an almost-complete consensus among educationists, linguistic experts and psychologists that the mother tongue, or the language of the region where the child lives, is the only appropriate language of learning for the child. A child can be taught any number of languages, particularly later in life, but the medium of learning should be the mother tongue. A number of classrooms today are stalked by the curse of incomprehension. There are a growing number of schools, mostly private, that teach in English. Government schools too in States like Tamil Nadu, unable to bear the pressure from parents and to stop students from migrating to private schools, are switching to English medium.

Anita Rampal: I have been saying for a long time that we don't have a language policy. We take ad hoc decisions. The three-language formula also doesn't look too much at the pedagogical aspects. It's important to have a well understood, pedagogically considered language policy.

I also find the NEP problematic and cannot endorse most of its thrust. But I want to specify that the regional language itself can be problematic. The mother tongue, home language or the first language educationally means the language which the child is using to connect to the world, to people, to nature, to the environment, and to make sense of everything that's going on. This is the language which helps the child to build, grow and develop in every way. Children may learn to speak if they are immersed in a certain environment, or they are communicating with friends. But reading and writing are different from learning to speak, understand, listen, or think in, and the first language they learn to read and write in is critical. These aspects of child development are important to understand pedagogically.

If we have to talk of learning to read and write, the first language should be the language of the home, the language in which the child is communicating and interacting with the world around her. A lot of research across the world indicates this. As Prof. Vasanthi said, it's the language of learning, not the medium of instruction. We don't want any classroom to be based on instruction, which is a very didactic, authoritative term; it should instead be interactive, and a transaction.

In many places in our country, there are bilingual and multilingual classrooms. In Jharkhand, the state might say Hindi is the language, but 50%-60% of children don't speak the language. We must look at the first language or the languages which children bring to the classroom, their first languages, and that is how we design, develop an interaction. The pedagogy is very different for the first language as compared to the second language. Our system, however, treats language as a subject. This is a tragedy. We have to understand that teachers will also use different pedagogies when they are dealing with a second language or a third language, when we come to English. But this is often a political decision. And all our States are taking these decisions, violating what should be the right of a child.

GOVARTHAN M.

Prof. Vasanthi, you mentioned Tamil Nadu specifically and the switch that is happening to English-medium schools. Could you elaborate on this?

VD: I will talk about not only Tamil Nadu, but English becoming the medium of learning all over the country. Tamil Nadu was one of the earliest States to start English-medium learning in a very big way. English-medium education is a profound tragedy in Indian education today. Millions are languishing because of their inability to learn in English – not English as a language but as a medium through which they acquire any knowledge of any subject. English is their dream and their despair. And these are children who belong to the vast majority of the Indian population except those at the very top of the class and caste social pyramid. It is only for those who are at the top that English has become almost a home language.

Why is this happening? India has constructed an education system that is among the most exclusionary in the world. The impulse behind this is excluding the vast majority from all opportunities except the lowest and the least-paying jobs. Every component of education is crafted for fulfilling this class purpose.

I'm not saying that 80% of the Indian population must be denied access to a global language that will open up opportunities. I'm only opposing English as the medium. But as a second language, English must be taught effectively, and that is the way the entire non-English speaking world is also learning it today. And that is the way, it was taught in India till the 1980s and 1990s.

AR: There are political forces, especially Dalit groups, who insist that English has been the language of liberation for them. They look at it like that because of the denial and the deprivation of Dalits in the education system, and that's important to acknowledge. The pedagogical aspect of a child learning a second language is much better if the proficiency and confidence in the first language is established in the first four-five years. The first language is the language that you speak and think in, and if you learn to read and write and understand the world through that language, that is what gives you the proficiency and confidence to be able to read and write a second language which can be the state language, and a third language which should be English. Our focus should be on children's learning. But we need a lot of public opinion to be shaped and negotiated with.

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> ANITA RAMPAL

VD: Public opinion is important. If you ask a poor mother from a distant village, she will want English as the medium. How did this opinion build up? This is the clue to why there is such a craze for English as the medium of learning among those who can never succeed in English as the medium. This is a reason why the Tamil Nadu government has introduced English as the medium of learning in many government schools. In our society, whatever has benefited the upper class and castes is taken as the path through which they also advance.

AR: In Kerala, they acknowledged that the classicised Malayalam that was being used in classrooms was not every child's Malayalam, and the language in northern Kerala is different from that of the south. So, they changed the language curriculum, making it more inclusive for all children. This happened with Hindi when we were working in Madhya Pradesh too. It was a Sanskritised Hindi. What happens with English is also what happens with a given State language where it sometimes excludes a large majority of children. This happens in any language we use because of how it comes off the upper class and castes.

Prof. Rampal, in what way can we create an enabling environment in classrooms where students come from diverse backgrounds?

AR: We don't use the word dialects, they are all languages for us, because there is a positioning and a politics of language. Firstly, multilingualism gives equal status to all languages and there's enough work, history and research on this. Second, children come from different backgrounds, and in some cases, they are first-generation learners with not much support at home. The multilingual approach thus, is much more flexible, closer to the child, and inclusive. It is democratic, and it accepts that the teacher is not coming from a place of authority and is only correcting spellings and pronunciations. In fact, when we look at children learning English in other countries, their spelling is never corrected, they are initially encouraged to intuitively think out their own spellings. The teachers say to the children there is something strange about our language. They put the onus on the language, not on the child. This way, the child is told that it is not something that has been imposed on you. There are norms, and we don't have to go about it in a structuralist way. We don't insist on grammar coming first, and expression later, and these are the ways and pedagogies which can be used in our classes.

What do you think about how learning outcomes are measured in India?

AR: The words 'learning outcomes' are a denial of children's rights, because the NEP too says that it will not focus on inputs and only on outcomes. That is not an inclusive way of looking at learning because you're measuring only what the child is giving you and not how the child has learned or what kind of environment the child was provided to learn in. There are better ways in which you're not forcing them into standardised methods of assessing, but you're encouraging them to construct their thinking and express themselves.

When students who study their mother tongue come to college, how do you see their ability to learn other languages and their cognitive abilities?

AR: When a student, for instance, learns in Hindi and then transitions into English, the way they express themselves is different from a child who may be from an elite English-medium school. In class 7, children who had studied their mother tongue Hindi and had just started learning English for the last two years wrote much better English and had very good Hindi too. When we say good, it is that their ideas were rich, nuanced and original. When students from Hindi medium schools come to the University, it is our responsibility to get them good material so that they don't bank on terrible coaching guides. When they had gained confidence, I observed that they wrote beautifully, with much better observations and analyses than even some of my English-medium students who had studied only in English right from the beginning. Even at the university level, we can see the difference in their thoughts and expressions. Hindi medium students must be given special support and communication sessions where they can gain confidence in English.

VD: The transition for students who have come into English-medium institutions after high school can be done well if English is taught as a second language effectively, maybe from class 6. Teaching a language as a second language is different from teaching in that language as a medium. So, our teachers will have to go through a very different process of teacher education. A considerable amount of investment will need to be done for this. It is a myth that this transition into English-medium learning in higher education will be hard for students, as it is being done well the world over, and was even done by people of my generation.

This myth must be broken that our education system is class and caste neutral. A powerful political movement will have to take place to make the language of learning a choice that is made democratically.

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NOTEBOOK

Chasing evidence

Stamping a claim as 'without evidence' hardly does anything to raise the standard of journalism

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Reporting and commenting are expected to be strictly separate compartments in journalism. Some platforms keep these functions so strictly separate that they don't allow the personnel and planning of both to mix. But such conventional practices are being questioned, ironically, for making journalism more relevant and powerful in the context of social and political volatility in countries with a free press such as the U.S. and India. Objectivity, once considered the sacred principle of reporting, is now seen as a constraint by many practitioners. It is being discarded, or at least redefined, to deal with fake news and misinformation.

A recent report by an international agency on Russia's claim that a bomb blast that killed the daughter of its nationalist philosopher Alexandar Dugin was qualified to add that the claim was 'without evidence.' The 'without evidence' qualifier was widely used in the reporting on Donald Trump. "Trump says, without evidence, every American will get coronavirus vaccine by April,' *The Washington Post* reported on September 18, 2020; "Trump says without proof that FDA 'deep state' slowing COVID trials," a Reuters report from August 2020 said. It is indeed the application of a higher standard when a reporter tries to seek evidence from their interlocutor. Journalists can seek the help of experts to verify claims made by someone, but whether there can be real-time fact-checking of a state functionary is a difficult question. Even if the custodian of the evidence is willing to show it to the journalist, would they have the capacity to process it?

In many cases, when the experts are themselves peddling fake information, as it happened in the U.S. propaganda on Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, what can the reporter do? In the more recent case of Russian 'meddling' in U.S. democracy, the evidence was all provided by U.S. state agencies. And the doubting of state agencies is not tolerated even in the U.S. An AP report in 2022 cited White House and State Department spokespeople accusing reporters of advancing enemy propaganda by seeking 'evidence' regarding administration claims on national security matters. To their credit, the reporters in question wanted supporting evidence for claims that the White House and State Department were making about situations or events in Afghanistan or Syria.

Circumventing the gatekeepers of information to access what the state wants to keep secret can be dangerous, as Julian Assange is figuring out. So, demanding evidence from state functionaries regarding their claims is little more than feel good for the journalist. That being the case, stamping a claim as 'without evidence' hardly does anything to raise the standard of journalism. Inadvertently, the reporter ends up making an opinion, by adding the qualifier. A logical analysis of the claim being made can be more helpful but that is not as appealing as 'evidence.' Fact-checking and contextualising information are in principle very good, but difficult to insulate from subjectivity and capacity constraints.

Now, many people think that in an environment deluged with misinformation and propaganda, a journalist will be only be failing in their duty if they merely amplify those. As a result, we have anchors, reporters and commentators who have turned journalism into a mission. They have a moral case, of course. Supporting or opposing a politics is a moral crusade. The thinking journalist gets hyperactive, trying to go beyond reporting an event and fix the problem. It's a small detail that such polemical journalism can be profitable too.

There are also thinking journalists who overthink and become immobilised. A sense of history can be an asset for a reporter, but too much of connecting the dots will make them useless. Getting caught in the 'big picture' can trap them into missing the day's story. From a long-term perspective, nothing that happens today is all that relevant after all.

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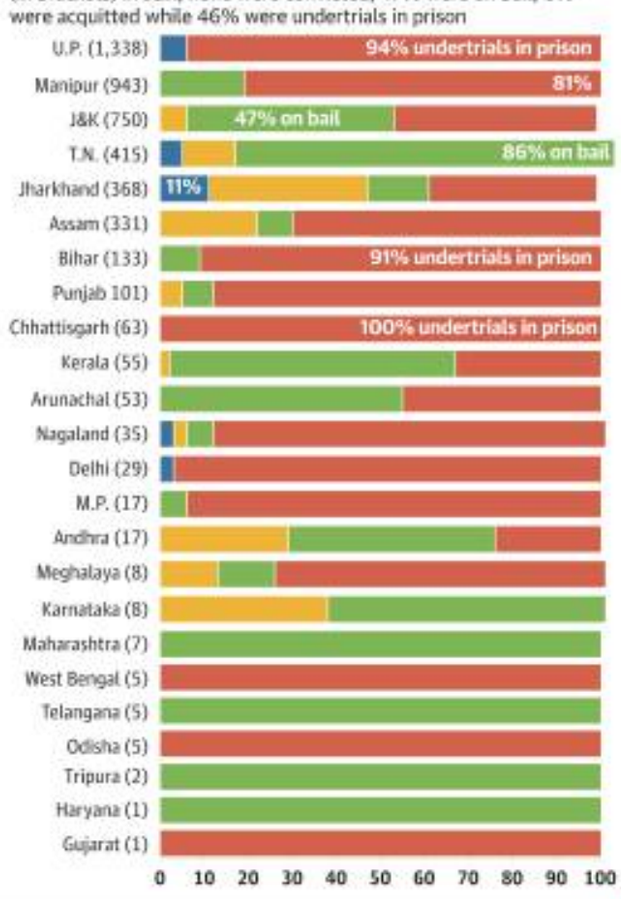
DATA POINT

UAPA, PMLA, Section 153A: What's the common link?

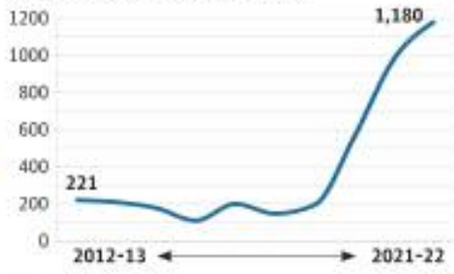
The Unlawful Activites (Prevention) Act (UAPA), Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), and Section 153A of the Indian Penal Code (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence) have a common link. In recent days, cases filed under these laws and section are rising, while convictions have remained poor. Under the UAPA, 4,690 persons were arrested between 2018 and 2020, but only 3% were convicted. Till March 2022, 5,422 cases were recorded under the PMLA, but only 23 resulted in convictions. The conviction rate under Section 153A in 2020 was just 20.2%. Moreover, under the UAPA and PMLA, getting bail is tough, and so the accused spend most of the trial period inside prison. For instance, of the 1,338 persons convicted under the UAPA in U.P. between 2018 and 2020, only 6% got convicted, while none of the other 94% got bail. By **Vignesh Radhakrishnan**

1 Arrests under UAPA | The chart shows the number of people arrested under the UAPA between 2018 and 2020, and the number of people who were convicted, acquitted and got bail

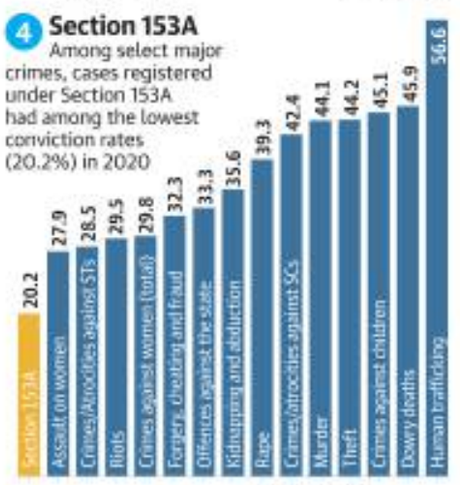
2 UAPA data, State-wise | The chart shows the share of people who were convicted, acquitted, got bail and undertrials in prison, among those arrested under the UAPA between 2018 and 2020. For instance, of the 750 persons arrest ed (in brackets) in J&K, none were convicted, 47% were on bail, 6% were acquitted while 46% were undertrials in prison



3 Arrests under PMLA | The chart shows the number of cases filed under the PMLA. The case count has increased sharply in recent years. Only 23 have been convicted in the 5,422 cases filed until March 2022



4 Section 153A Among select major crimes, cases registered under Section 153A had among the lowest conviction rates (20.2%) in 2020



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FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 9, 1972

Malik's mediation offer accepted

The Indonesian Foreign Minister, Dr. Adam Malik, said here to-day that both Bangladesh and Pakistan had accepted his offer of mediation to solve the problems between the two nations. Addressing a press conference after the conclusion of his four-day visit to Bangladesh, Dr. Malik said he had been maintaining constant contacts with Islamabad having this end in view. Replying to a question, he said he had been to Islamabad only two months ago and did not think it necessary to pay another visit in the near future. Dr. Malik said he would have no objection if the Indian Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, were to mediate between President Bhutto and Sheikh Mujibur Rehman. Asked whether he had brought any specific proposal to solve the problems and reduce the tension in the sub-continent, Dr. Malik said the most important thing was to bring the Governments and the peoples of the two nations closer. "I will continue my efforts and do my best to help the two nations come to a basic understanding and mutual recognition," he added. As regards the Chinese veto in the United Nations blocking Bangladesh's entry into the world body, the Foreign Minister said: "We will try to persuade China to see reason so that it does not exercise the veto again." Dr. Malik said he would request the Pakistan Government to allow the detained Bengalees there to return to Bangladesh. He added that the Bangladesh Foreign Minister, Mr. Abdus Samad, had discussed the issue with him and they did not like it to be raised in the United Nations. The question of the detained Bengalees being a "human problem" should be tackled as such, Dr. Malik added.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO SEPT. 9, 1922

Railway waste lands

As a result of the abnormal conditions brought about by the Great European War, the Government permitted for a period of three years from the 1st July 1919 the cultivation of the waste lands classified as the poramboke in the Madras Presidency with a view to stimulate the production of food stuffs. The period of three years expired on 1st July 1922. The Government have now expended the concession of cultivating the Railway waste lands for another two years from 1st July 1922 only in respect of such lands as have already been brought under cultivation.

FROM PAGE ONE

India, China troops disengage at LAC

Shortly after the 15th round of talks in March, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi visited India, while he and Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar met in July on the sidelines of the G20 Foreign Ministers meeting in Bali, Indonesia, where they discussed the situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

India has constantly stated that the relationship cannot go back to normal as long as the standoff continues.

Longest-reigning monarch of U.K. dies

Many members of her large immediate family, including several children and grandchildren, had gathered by Thursday afternoon at Balmoral.

Pictures of the Queen, standing with the help of a cane and shaking hands with the new Prime Minister, Ms. Truss, were released on Tuesday.

The Queen usually appoints the elected head of government at Buckingham Palace in London but owing to "mobility" issues, had cut back on events this year.

The Queen was known to have stuck to her constitutional role, and while maintaining a deep interest in politics (such as through regular audiences with her prime ministers), had a reputation for maintaining political neutrality during the 70-plus years on the throne.

Britain's new king will be formally known as Charles III, his Clarence House residence confirmed on Thursday, after suggestions that Queen Elizabeth II's heir might have taken a different regnal name.

Charles III's eldest son William inherits the duchy of Cornwall in addition to his current title of Duke of Cambridge.

Charles III said Queen Elizabeth II was a "cherished sovereign and a much-loved mother" who would be missed around the world.

Her death was "a moment of the greatest sadness for me and all members of my family", Charles III said in a statement.

"I know her loss will be deeply felt throughout the country, the Realms and the Commonwealth, and by countless people around the world."

(With inputs from AFP)

SC fixes key questions for examining EWS quota

The court will examine whether the amendment breaches the Basic Structure by permitting the state to make special provisions, including reservation, based on economic criteria; whether it violates the Basic Structure by allowing the state to make special provisions in relation to admissions to private unaided institutions, and lastly, whether the Basic Structure is trampled upon by the constitutional amendment by excluding SEBC/OBC/SC/ST communities from the scope of the EWS quota.

The three issues for the court's examination were forwarded by Attorney-General of India K.K. Venugopal.

Chief Justice Lalit said the three questions of law would form the foundation of the court's examination and lawyers could expand on them while arguing.

Legal scholar and advocate G. Mohan Gopal compared the case to a watershed moment similar to the *ADM Jabalpur (habeas corpus)* case.

"We are crossing a Rubicon and it is the *ADM Jabalpur* of social justice as it restores the theory that one is privileged by being born in upper class and that being born in the lower classes is a disability," he submitted.

Senior advocate P. Wilson pointed out that the court ought to examine whether the EWS quota was in violation of the rule of equality and non-discrimination, and if the move to grant reservation to forward castes (EWS or otherwise) was simply impermissible.

Senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, who had prepared the draft issues for the court which were circulated among the lawyers in the previous hearing, said nearly 55 issues were suggested by various parties, but an effort was made to trim the questions of law for consideration.

Mr. Venugopal said the question of creamy layer does not come in the economically weaker sections (EWS) quota as it was meant to give quota benefits to the poorest of the poor.

The Chief Justice of India, in the court's order, said issues suggested by the Attorney-General encapsulated the matter under consideration. "We shall go ahead with the hearing apropos the first three issues suggested by the Attorney-General," the Bench said.

India ranks 132 in HDI as country's score drops

The drop is in line with the global trend since the outbreak of COVID-19 during which 90% of the countries have fallen backward in human development.

The Index is part of the Human Development Report 2021-2022 released by the United Nations Development Programme on Thursday. The HDI measures average achievement of a country in three basic dimensions of human development – a long and healthy life, education and a decent standard of living. It is calculated using four indicators – life expectancy at birth, mean years of schooling, expected years of schooling, and the Gross National Income (GNI) per capita. The world over, nine out of 10 countries have slipped in their human development performance due to multiple crises such as COVID-19, the war in Ukraine and environmental challenges, indicating that human development globally has stalled for the first time in 32 years.

Ranking of countries over different years is not comparable. A large contributor to the HDI's recent decline is a global drop in life expectancy, down from 72.8 years in 2019 to 71.4 years in 2021.

India's HDI score of 0.633 places it in the medium human development category, lower than its value of 0.645 in 2018, indicating a reversal in progress.

Like global trends, in India's case, the drop in HDI from 0.645 in 2018 to 0.633 in 2021 can be attributed to falling life expectancy at birth – 70.7 years to 67.2 years. India's expected years of schooling stand at 11.9 years, and the mean years of schooling are at 6.7 years. The GNI per capita level is $6,590.

Rajpath, a symbol of slavery, erased: PM

Narendra Modi inaugurates Kartavya Path, the first of the Central Vista projects to be completed

DAMINI NATH
NEW DELHI

Rajpath, which was a "symbol of slavery", has been erased forever, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Thursday, while inaugurating the redeveloped two-kilometre stretch from India Gate to the Rashtrapati Bhavan that was renamed Kartavya Path.

Mr. Modi also unveiled a statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose under the canopy at India Gate that during British rule had a statue of King George V.

Addressing the gathering in front of India Gate, Mr. Modi said: "Today, we are filling the picture of tomorrow with new colours, leaving behind the past. Today, this new aura is visible everywhere, it is the aura of confidence of new India. Kingsway, that is, Rajpath, the symbol of slavery, has become a matter of history from today and has been erased forever. Today, a new history has been created in the form of 'Kartavya Path'. I congratulate all the countrymen for their freedom from yet another identity of slavery, in this *Amrit Kaal* of Independence."

Pride of place: Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the inauguration of the Kartavya Path as part of the revamped Central Vista in New Delhi on Thursday. • SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Known as Kingsway before Independence and Rajpath since 1947, the stretch was renamed as Kartavya Path or "duty road" by the New Delhi Municipal Council on Wednesday. The stretch from India Gate till Rashtrapati Bhavan has been closed to the public since January 2021 for redevelopment works as a part of the larger Central Vista revamp. The ₹477 crore project became the first of the Central Vista projects to be completed and opened to the public with the inauguration.

Speaking about the the 28-foot granite statue of Bose, Mr. Modi said: "At the time of slavery, there was a statue of the representative of the British Raj. Today, the country has also brought to life a modern, strong India by establishing the statue of Netaji at the same place."

Mr. Modi said "Subhas *babu*" was proud of India's heritage, while wanting to make India modern. He said if India had followed his path after Independence, the country would have been at great heights today. "But unfortunately, this great hero of ours was forgotten after Independence. His ideas, even the symbols associated with them, were ignored," he said.

"Today when the Rajpath ceases to exist and has become a Kartavya Path; today when the statue of Netaji has replaced the mark of the statue of George V, then this is not the first example of the abandonment of slavery mentality. This is neither the beginning nor the end. It is a continuous journey of determination till the goal of freedom of mind and spirit is achieved," Mr. Modi said.

Before inaugurating the stretch, Mr. Modi interacted with workers who had been associated with the project and invited them to attend the Republic Day Parade next year as his special guests, he said.

Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said the Kartavya Path project had been the biggest "transformational project" in the country.

The revamped stretch has dedicated vending zones for street vendors, replacing the earlier custom of vendors lining up along the road.

New allegation against CID triggers row

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A fresh controversy has erupted over allegations by mother of Debjani Mukherjee, one of prime accused in the Saradha chit fund scam, that her daughter is being forced by an officer from the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of the West Bengal Police to name Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Suvendu Adhikari and CPI(M) leader Sujan Chakraborty as beneficiaries of the scam.

Sarbari Mukherjee, mother of Debjani Mukherjee, who is behind bars for the past nine years, has written to the CBI.

Mr. Adhikari said in a tweet, "The once glorious CID has now become the paid janitor of WB's Bua-Bhatija. CID is indulging in criminality for advancing the nefarious interest of the Banerjees by intimidating under trial prisoners to give false statements against WB Opposition Leaders".

The West Bengal CID was quick to respond to the allegations and called it 'false and baseless".

'Heckler's veto cannot be allowed'

State's responsibility to protect belief if it does not violate public order: petitioner

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NEW DELHI

Wearing a hijab on the street does not offend public order, but can schools not intervene to maintain public order if a student wears it to school, the Supreme Court asked on Thursday.

To this, senior advocate Devadatt Kamat, appearing for Aishat Shifa, a student from Karnataka who was banned from entering her classroom wearing a hijab, said schools have no say in deciding public order.

Maintaining public order is the responsibility of the State, Mr. Kamat contended.

"If I wear a headscarf and someone is offended and shouts slogans, the police cannot turn to me and say not to wear hijab. That will be the heckler's veto," the senior lawyer argued.

Mr. Kamat asked whether the government can restrict speech and expression of honest beliefs and choices merely on the possibility of a violent reaction by hecklers.

"The State, instead of prohibiting me, must ensure conditions in which freedoms must flourish... Last day the State Advocate General said the government order on hijabs was issued after some students demanded to wear orange shawls... Is heckler's veto permitted?" he asked.

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DEVADATT KAMAT
Senior Advocate tells Supreme Court

Mr. Kamat said the argument of Karnataka was "look here, if we allow you to wear hijab, some will want to wear orange shawls".

"Wearing of orange shawls is a belligerent display of religious jingoism... 'You are wearing a headscarf, I will wear something to show my identity. That Article 25 does not protect. It protects an innocent display of faith. Naamam, yes. Tilakam, yes. A rudraksham, yes... Bonafide and innocent display of faith is protected," the senior advocate argued.

Honest belief

He said it may also be a person's honest belief that wearing a kada or naamam may make him a better person. "It is the State's obligation to protect my belief as long as it does not violate public order, health or morality," Mr. Kamat said, asking how a display of "honest belief" by wearing hijab affects any of the three criteria.

Mr. Kamat said every practice may not be an essential or core religious practice. "But that does not mean the State can restrict it... I can wear whatever I want, even though it may not be part of my essential religious practice, as long as I do not hamper public order, health or morality," he submitted.

"Just because other people can get offended is not a ground for prohibiting me from wearing a hijab," he said.

Advocate Nizam Pasha, who argued next for the petitioner students, said to make a Muslim student choose between education and the hijab was a violation of Article 19 (freedom of expression).

The Bench asked whether "all religions accept the same God". To this Mr. Pasha replied that the Quran mandated respect towards other religions.

He quoted the verse "O you disbelievers, I do not worship what you worship, nor do you worship what I worship. I will never worship what you worship nor will you ever worship what I worship. You have your way, I have my way".

The court adjourned the hearing to continue on Monday at 2 p.m.

SC wants job policy for transgenders in 3 months

'Transpersons Act must be followed'

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday gave the government three months to take the lead and devise a policy framework to open up avenues of employment for transgender persons, particularly in the civil aviation industry. The order was a fallout of a petition filed by Shanavi Ponnusamy, a transgender person from Thoothukudi in Tamil Nadu, whose dream of flying high as an airline cabin crew member never took off.

The court said the petitioner's case raised wider issues about the formulation of government policy to ensure the guarantee of non-discrimination against transgender people.

A Bench of Justices D.Y. Chandrachud and Hima Kohli observed that the government has to comply with the enabling provisions of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act of 2019 in "letter and spirit".

The court detailed specific provisions of the Act which mandated that no person or establishment, whether government or private, should discriminate against a transgender person in matters of employment, including recruitment or promotion or in any other related areas.

The court reminded the Centre that it was obliged by the Act to "secure full and effective participation of transgender persons and their inclusion in society". "The enactment by the Parliament marks a watershed in the evolution of the rights of the transgender persons," the court emphasised.

The court ordered the Department of Personnel and Training and the Social Justice Ministry to collaborate with the National Council for Transgender Persons, a body constituted under the Act, to consult stakeholders and prepare a "considered" policy for the community's welfare and rights in the next three months. The Centre has to guide States and establishments governed by the Act.

Uttarakhand panel seeks inputs on UCC

Diversion tactics, says Congress

ISHITA MISHRA
NEW DELHI

The expert committee formed by the Uttarakhand government to examine ways for the implementation of a Uniform Civil Code (UCC) has launched a website on Thursday, seeking public opinion on the plan. Headed by retired Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai (who is also the head of the Delimitation Commission), the committee has sought suggestions and recommendations from residents.

"The Committee will also prepare a report on implementing a UCC in Uttarakhand. In order to fully appreciate the relevant issues having a bearing on this important subject, the Committee appeals to the residents of Uttarakhand and organisations, including government agencies, non-government organisations, social groups & communities, religious bodies and political parties, to forward their opinions, views, suggestions and representations within a period of 30 days, that is till October 07," retired IAS officer Shatrughan Singh, a member of the committee, said.

The Congress accused the government of playing divisive politics. Harish Rawat tells *The Hindu* that BJP's preparations to implement UCC is to divert attention from real issues.

BL's Changemaker awards today

They will be given in six different categories

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

The *BusinessLine* Changemaker Awards 2022 will be announced in New Delhi on Friday. The awards seek to celebrate changemakers – people and organisations that have brought about positive change in society and made our world a better place to live in. Union Minister for Finance and Company Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman is the chief guest and will be distributing the awards to the winners.

The awards, in its fourth edition, will be given across six categories – Changemaker-Social Transformation; Changemaker-Digital Transformation; Changemaker-Financial Transformation; Young Changemaker; Iconic Changemaker and Changemaker of the Year. The evening will see some interesting conversations, scintillating music and inspiring storiess with who is who in Delhi's corporate and policy-making world in attendance.

The awards function is a culmination of efforts that spanned almost six months. It all started with call for nominations on March 31. Over 600 nominations were received during the two-month period that the nomination window was kept open. The nominations were then screened and evaluated by *BusinessLine* Deloitte and Ashoka. The shortlisted nominations were independently validated by Niiti Consulting – our validation partner.

The validated nominees were then sent to an independent jury headed by S. Ramadorai, former CEO and MD, TCS. Other jury members were R. Gopalan, former Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs; Lakshmi Narayanan, former Vice-Chairman, Cognizant; Pallavi S Shroff, Managing Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas; Kaku Nakhate, President and Country Head - India, Bank of America; Padmaja Chunduru, MD and CEO, NSDL and Daisy Chittilapilly, President, Cisco India & SAARC.

The BusinessLine Changemaker awards function is presented by Life Insurance Corporation of India and powered by State Bank of India and SASTRA University. Other partners are Manipal Hospitals (healthcare partner); Karnataka Bank (banking partner); Punjab & Sind Bank (associate partner); PepsiCo (sustainability partner); City Union Bank (co-partner) Zee Business (telecast partner) and Anand Prakash (gift partner).

The awards function will be live-streamed at: bit.ly/3RFvb24

Work for development of cooperatives: Shah

'Frame uniform policies in States'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Cooperation Minister Amit Shah on Thursday exhorted States to work together for the holistic development of the cooperative sector so that it could contribute significantly in making India a $5-trillion economy.

Addressing a two-day National Conference of State Cooperation Ministers, Mr. Shah asserted that efforts should be made to ensure that the cooperative movement run at the same speed in every State of India, a statement said.

"In those States where the activities have stopped or slowed down, the effort should be to accelerate. For that, we need a new national cooperative policy," Mr. Shah said. The new policy should be framed to ensure the development of the sector, he added.

He pointed out that the cooperative movement was strong in West and South India, but at a developing stage in North and Central India while least-developed in East and North-Eastern States.

He asserted that the cooperative departments should follow the same path of development and adopt uniform policies.

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INTERVIEW | SHAHRIAR ALAM

'So much has moved forward, on trade, on visa, on people-to-people ties'

Bangladesh Minister of State for Foreign Affairs says Sheikh Hasina's visit was productive on major aspects, rejects concerns over attacks on minorities

SUHASINI HAIDAR

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's state visit to India ended on Thursday. After a meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday, where the Kushiyara river sharing agreement was signed, Ms. Hasina said she hoped the Teesta issue would be resolved "soon". Bangladesh Minister of State for Foreign Affairs **Shahriar Alam** *said the visit was productive, and Bangladesh and India have an understanding on even difficult issues related to Rohingya refugees and minority rights.*

What, according to you, are the major outcomes of this visit by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina?

■ This visit is special, even though we are quite frequent visitors to each others capitals. We have seven tangible outcomes, seven memoranda of understanding (MoUs). The Kushiyara water sharing agreement is only the second river water sharing agreement in 25 years. This will create a fresh enthusiasm for the Teesta river agreement. We understand the domestic compulsions [with the West Bengal Government]. But what Prime Minister Hasina said prior to departing Dhaka for Delhi is that she expects Delhi to do more, work little harder.

Apart from that, we have other regional issues like the Rohingya issue, where unfortunately, it looks like there is no immediate solution. We hoped Myanmar would at least honour its agreement [to take back refugees]. But unfortunately, there are reports that there are fresh problems in Rakhine State, and things are looking worse than in 2016 and 2017 [the last big ethnic attacks].

The Indian government has said it will deport more Rohingya, and have already sent back 12. So what exactly did Prime Minister Hasina ask Prime Minister Modi for, given that she said India is a big country and can help?

■ What Prime Minister Hasina meant by saying that was that India has as good a relationship as, if not better than, we have with [Myanmar], as well as with other countries who are not supporting Rohingya causes or their safe repatriation...

Bangladesh has performed way better than many other countries in the region when it comes to minorities

Are you disappointed that India has not done more, in terms of using its relationship with the Myanmar military to push for the return of the Rohingya?

■ Well, we are only disappointed that there is no result, even with countries who have claimed to do more. We actually set a date and time for Rohingya to return voluntarily, but on that particular day, no one showed up to return [to Myanmar] due to safety concerns. We understand that it's a difficult situation, a difficult country to deal with.

On the river agreements, Prime Minister Hasina mentioned the unfinished Teesta agreement in her opening comments. Has there been any headway on the Teesta agreement during this visit or since 2011?

■ As far as we are concerned, unfortunately not. But it's not just about what we are gaining from this particular visit... At a time where there is trouble everywhere, we should focus on the positives in our relationship: we have restarted the Joint River Commission (after 12 years), very regular BGB-BSF [border] talks are taking place.

People who criticise should see the progress – out of 54 shared rivers, we have ticked the Ganga and now we have ticked the Kushiyara. Yes, it would have been nice to tick Teesta as well. We cannot possibly wait 25 years for our third agreement to be signed, we should be doing two or three rivers in a year. But so much else has moved forward, on trade, on visa, on people-to-people ties, that it is wrong to claim that the results from the visit are not enough.

India has publicly spoken about its concerns over the attacks on Hindu minorities in Bangladesh. Did Prime Minister Hasina raise the issue of minorities in India as well, and in particular the Citizenship Amendment Act?

■ We consider such issues as our own internal issues as the Citizenship Act is in India's case [an internal matter]. We have been assured and we believe that India will not do anything that might create a crisis for us, targeting Bangladesh or where Bangladesh will be negatively impacted.

I have not been asked about [minority attacks] during my visit here, and I would say that the prompt action taken by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina should give enough confidence to the practitioners of all religions that Bangladesh is for everyone. It's not for any particular religion. Some politicians from both sides will go to a great length and make comments publicly, which are not justified, and not fact-based, and they do not help the greater cause [of bilateral ties]. And Bangladesh has performed way better than many other countries in the region when it comes to minorities.

(Full interview on bit.ly/shahriaralam)

Nirmala links inflation, State fuel taxes

Finance Minister says States that have not reduced the levies clock higher levels than national average

VIKAS DHOOT
NEW DELHI

Emphasising that it was unfair to blame the Centre for higher price levels in some States, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Thursday that the States that had not reduced fuel taxes were recording inflation rates higher than the national average, and mooted a Centre-State cooperation mechanism to handle price rise matters.

While the Centre had cut petroleum taxes for consumers recently on two occasions in view of surging global prices, Ms. Sitharaman pointed out that several States had not offered any relief to residents who were suffering because of this.

"Very recently, widely available information in the public domain shows how inflation has varied from State to State. But the fact remains, and I find, coincidentally, and I am being careful stating the obvious. But it establishes the fact that the movement of foodgrains and food-related items actually have a bearing on the price of these items, which account for a bulk of the Consumer Price Index (CPI)," Ms. Sitharaman said.

While headline inflation has averaged 6.8% since January 2022, 14 States as well as three UTs, including Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), have faced higher than the national inflation, most of them averaging over 7%, as per an analysis of States' inflation trends by *The Hindu*.

Consumers in Telangana (8.32%), West Bengal (8.06%) and Sikkim have been the most affected with 8%-plus inflation, followed by Maharashtra and Haryana (7.7%), Madhya Pradesh (7.52%), Assam (7.37%), Uttar Pradesh (7.27%), and Gujarat and J&K, both of which have averaged 7.2%.

"The inflation that prevails in different parts of the country, despite the GST and despite creation of one market and despite removing the toll taxes and freeing movement of goods, vary from State to State," Ms. Sitharaman said.

"Now if States and their inflation will also have to be attributed to the Government of India, then we will have to have a way in which we work together to handle inflationary matters with Centre and State co-operation," she said.

Drawing an analogy with the debate over the devolution of taxable revenues where some States argue that they get an unfair share of revenues compared to what they contribute to the economy, she said a similar approach is needed to evaluate States' handling of inflation. "It cannot be that inflation is handled only by the Centre, and when States don't take enough steps, that part of India suffers for want of a release from the stress of inflation... there are enough justification to have an understanding of how States manage handling their inflation," Ms. Sitharaman said.

Cut and dry | As against the Finance Minister's assertion, excise duty cuts by the Centre also reduced States' VAT revenue. The petrol price build-up in Delhi before and after the excise duty cut of ₹8 a litre in May shows, this reduction also brought down the UT's value added tax revenue by ₹0.83 a litre. The Centre's cut caused the sum of the base price, excise duty, and dealer commission to slip to ₹81.01/ltr from ₹85.27/ltr

Component	Before the cut (on April 1)	After the cut (on Aug 1)
Base price (including freight)	53.54	57.35
Excise duty	27.9	19.9
Dealer commission	3.83	3.76
Total (base price + excise duty + dealer commission)	**85.27**	**81.01**
VAT at 19.4%	16.54	15.71
Reduction in VAT	-	**0.83**
Retail selling price	101.81	96.72

'Why was West Bengal left out of talks with Bangladesh'

Mamata has opposed Teesta treaty, a crucial bilateral issue

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday claimed that Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina had expressed desire to meet her during the latter's recent visit to India but the Union government kept the State out of the deliberations in Delhi.

"For the first time I have seen that during discussions with Bangladesh, West Bengal has been kept out," Ms. Banerjee said addressing a party gathering in Kolkata. The Chief Minister emphasised that she maintained good relations with Ms. Hasina and both the leaders exchanged gifts during Durga Puja and Id. Ms. Banerjee wondered aloud what the reasons for keeping her out of the discussions were and asked why the higher-ups in government at the Centre were angry with her.

Mamata Banerjee

Among crucial bilateral issues pending between India and Bangladesh is the Teesta Water sharing treaty, which she has publicly opposed.

The Chief Minister said that she received a letter from an officer of the rank of Under-Secretary asking her to be present in Delhi on Thursday for the Central Vista inauguration by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "They are writing as if we are bonded labourers. The Minister of Culture has become so big that he cannot write to CMs," she said.

Ms. Banerjee also added that all the Opposition parties would come together and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) would find it difficult to form the government.

"In 2024 *Khela Hobe*, the game will start from Bengal. Now we all are together. Nitish Kumar is there, Akhilesh Yadav is there, Hemant Soren is there, and I am there and our friends are there.. We all will come together. They are going around proudly with 275-300 seats, Rajiv Gandhi had 400 seats but could not hold onto it. In these five States the BJP will lose 100 seats. So, tell me how they will form the government," Ms. Banerjee said at the rally.

Mukul Wasnik relieved of M.P. duties

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Senior Congress leader Mukul Wasnik was relieved of his duties as AICC general secretary in charge of Madhya Pradesh on Thursday and Jai Prakash Agarwal was appointed in his place.

A statement from the party said: "Hon'ble Congress President has accepted the request of Shri Mukul Wasnik to relieve him from his current responsibility as general secretary in charge of Madhya Pradesh, so that he can oversee other organisational matters..." The move has led to speculation that he could get an elevation with bigger responsibilities as it comes weeks before the election of the new Congress president.

Rahul begins long march from Kanniyakumari

On a mission to bridge divisions, Bharat Jodo Yatra could also be Congress's route to political revival

SANDEEP PHUKAN
KANNIYAKUMARI

Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi started his 3,570-km *padayatra* on Thursday after hoisting the National Flag at a makeshift camp on the grounds of the Vivekananda Technical Institute, close to the Kanniyakumari beach.

For the next five months or so, Mr. Gandhi and his 118 fellow travellers on the Bharat Jodo Yatra, designated as Bharat yatris, would be on a mission to bridge divisions, highlight issues such as unemployment and inflation, and start a dialogue with different sections of society.

Described as the biggest mass mobilisation exercise by the Congress in Independent India, the principal Opposition party is hoping that the *padayatra* is its route to political revival.

Rahul Gandhi waving to the public during his Bharat Jodo Yatra held at Kottaram, in Kanniyakumari. ●A. SHAIKMOHIDEEN

"Why do you look at everything in terms of political benefits. Is it not a fact that the society is more polarised now than ever before?" retorted Digvijaya Singh, national coordinator of the yatra, when asked about his party's political calculation of the yatra.

Every day, the *padayatra* will take place in two phases – between 7 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. and again from 3.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. – and cover about 22-25 km on an average.

Upcoming poll

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, former Finance Minister P. Chidambaram and Congress general secretary K.C. Venugopal were among leaders who walked along with Mr. Gandhi on day one, while many others, including Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, gave him company for some distance. The *padayatra* comes in the middle of a churn within the party and upcoming election to the post of Congress president.

The party has made arrangements for the *padayatris* to vote in Bengaluru on October 17, in case the need arises. But what would happen if Mr. Gandhi needs to campaign in poll-bound States such as Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh in the next couple of months?

"The *yatra* will take a break," Mr. Singh said.

On day one, however, the mood is only of excitement among those who have embarked on the *yatra*. And each person has his or her own reason for undertaking what promises to be a gruelling schedule.

Shatrughan Sharma, a 45-year-old Seva Dal worker from Jaipur, who was selected to be a Bharat yatri, says he had a tough time convincing his family to allow him to take part. "I want the people of the country to know that our leader takes up their causes," he adds as he struggles to keep pace with Mr. Gandhi on the Kanniyakumari-Thiruvananthapuram highway.

After walking for over three hours, Mr. Gandhi visited the S.M.S.M. Higher Secondary School at Suchindrum, which was visited by Mahatma Gandhi and C. Rajagopalachari in 1937.

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President to launch TB elimination scheme

NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu will virtually launch the *Pradhan Mantri TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan* on September 9. This is aimed at working towards TB elimination from the country by 2025 and has been envisaged to bring together all community stakeholders, said a release issued by the Health Ministry.

HC quashes FIR in Mohan Delkar suicide case

MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court on Thursday quashed the first information report (FIR) registered against the administrator of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and eight others for allegedly abetting the suicide of Member of Parliament Mohan Delkar in 2021. "Considering all aspects, we find merit in the petitions... It is a fit case for the court to quash the case to prevent abuse of law," said a Division Bench of Justices P.B. Varale and S.D. Kulkarni.

BJP seeks apology from Uddhav over grave issue

MUMBAI

Maharashtra BJP president Chandrashekhar K. Bawankule on Thursday accused Uddhav Thackeray of alowin g the beautification of the 1993 Mumbai blasts convict Yakub Memon's grave and demanded an apology from him. "The beautification of the terrorist's grave had taken place during the pandemic. He (Mr. Thackeray) had no time for the common man and the MVA government had helped with beautification of the grave," he said.

Indigenous QRSAM tested successfully

NEW DELHI

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Army successfully completed six flight-tests of the Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile (QRSAM) — with indigenously-developed sub-systems — from Integrated Test Range (ITR) Chandipur off Odisha coast. The tests were conducted as part of evaluation trials by the Army, DRDO said in a statement on Thursday.

HC bans Ganpati visarjan in Mumbai National Park

MUMBAI

Bombay High Court on Thursday directed forest officials to take appropriate steps to ensure that no immersion of Lord Ganesh idols takes place on last day of the festival, September 9, inside Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP) in Mumbai. A Division Bench of Justices P.B. Varale and S.M. Modak was hearing a PIL petition filed by an Mumbai March, an NGO (working for conservation of rivers), seeking to disallow *Ganpati visarjan* in Dahisar river near SGNP.

Naga team continues talks on Constitution

Naga CM, deputy CM in Delhi for discussions with Centre

VIJAITA SINGH
NEW DELHI

The Government of India is ready to incorporate the *Yehzabo*, the Naga Constitution, into the Indian Constitution and has agreed for a civil and cultural flag for the Nagas, a senior government official said on Thursday.

A Naga delegation comprising Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio and Deputy Chief Minister Y. Patton are in Delhi to hold talks with A.K. Mishra, former Special Director with the Intelligence Bureau.

"The *Yehzabo* will be incorporated into the Indian Constitution by presenting a Bill in Parliament. As far as flag is concerned, it will only be used for civil and cultural functions, but not in any government function," the official said.

When contacted, Mr. Patton, who represents the BJP in the 60-member Opposition-less Nagaland Assembly, said that the Naga issue should be resolved before the Assembly election due in March 2023.

Neiphiu Rao

"The Centre is clear that there cannot be two Constitutions and two flags in the country. The NSCN-IM is stuck on the demand for a separate flag and constitution," Mr. Patton said.

Persistent demand

The Centre is engaged in discussions with the Isak-Muivah faction of the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN-IM) and seven Naga National Political Groups (NNPGs) to find a solution to the Naga political issue. The Isak-Muivah faction, the key player in the Naga peace talks, has been demanding a separate Constitution and a separate flag for the Nagas.

The NSCN-IM also demands creation of 'Greater Nagaland' or Nagalim by integrating Naga-dominated areas in neighbouring Assam, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh and uniting 1.2 million Nagas.

More than hundred rounds of talks spanning over two decades have taken place so far.

On August 3, 2015, a year after the Narendra Modi-led BJP government came to power, the NSCN(I-M) group signed a framework agreement in the presence of the Prime Minister. Mr. Patton met President Droupadi Murmu on Wednesday and explained the progress made in the talks.

"There is no question of integration of Naga-inhabited areas in other States with the existing State of Nagaland. It has been ruled out by GOI," Mr. Patton said.

"If a final agreement is signed before the election, an interim government may be in place," he said.

U.S. to refit Pak. F-16s; India silent

Announcement came amid talks between senior Indian and U.S. officials

KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE
NEW DELHI

India maintained a studied silence a day after the U.S. announced a $450-million package to refit Pakistan's large F-16 fighter fleet with the latest technological advances. The announcement from the U.S. State Department came against the backdrop of inter-sessional talks that senior Indian and U.S. officials, including Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs Donald Lu, held on Wednesday.

The External Affairs Ministry is yet to clarify if Mr. Lu and his team had informed the Indian side about the announcement by the Biden administration that will add considerable lethality to Pakistan Air Force, which poses the biggest challenge for India from west and northwest.

"The proposed sale will continue the sustainment of Pakistan's F-16 fleet, which greatly improves Pakistan's ability to support counter-terrorism operations through its robust air-to-ground capability. Pakistan will have no difficulty absorbing these articles and services into its armed forces," said the State Department announcement. The F16 fleet of Pakistan was last seen in action against Indian fighter aircraft during dogfights over the skies of Kashmir in the aftermath of Balakot strike by India in 2019.

Threat perception: Pakistan's F-16 fleet was last seen in action against Indian jets over Kashmir in 2019. • REUTERS

Long diplomatic battle

Pakistan first received the F-16 aircraft package from the Ronald Reagan administration in the 1980s despite heavy objection from the Government of India, which cautioned that the aircraft would be used against Indian targets. India's objection was based on the findings that Pakistan would arm the F-16s with nuclear weapons that it had procured in a clandestine manner. President Reagan, however, cleared the sale despite opposition from certain members of the U.S. Congress and the CIA's counter-proliferation wing.

In 1990, the U.S. cancelled delivery of nearly 30 F-16 aircraft to Pakistan after the Pressler Amendment came into effect. Nuclear tests by India and Pakistan in 1998 further confirmed Indian concerns about the danger posed by nuclear-armed aircraft of Pakistan's Air Force.

The U.S. has repeatedly used the strategic aircraft as a tool in its diplomatic relation with Pakistan. In 2001, following the Al-Qaeda attack on the World Trade Center in New York, the U.S. had released a package of $3 billion to refit and supply new F-16 aircraft to Pakistan. With nearly 2,000 miles as its range of operation, the F-16 has obvious usage against Pakistan's primary military rival – India.

The subsequent findings of widespread terrorist network inside Pakistan and the attacks against U.S. citizens like Daniel Pearl could not dent the decision taken by the George W. Bush administration.

A similar decision to supply F-16 aircraft was taken in late 2015, when the Obama administration was in negotiation with the Pakistan-backed Taliban leaders in exile for an exit strategy for the U.S. forces from Afghanistan.

India had vehemently protested against the sale of F-16 fighters to Pakistan.

The Biden administration's decision to refit Pakistan's F-16 aircraft fleet with the latest weapons and electronic systems indicates that despite the withdrawal from Afghanistan, the U.S. will continue to maintain strong strategic commitment to the armed forces of Pakistan.

39 exotic animals seized in Assam

Two persons from T.N. arrested for alleged bid to smuggle animals into Bengal

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

The Assam Police on Thursday seized 39 exotic animals from two Delhi-registered SUVs that travelled from the Mizoram-Myanmar border and were bound for Siliguri in northern West Bengal.

This was the biggest seizure of smuggled exotic animals in Assam. Two joeys or baby wallabies, 19 chimpanzees and monkeys, 13 small turtles, three large tortoises and two exotic birds were seized.

"The Rangiya Police intercepted the vehicles following a tip-off and arrested two people after finding the rare animals packed in cages. The two said they travelled from the Mizoram-Myanmar border and were heading for Siliguri for delivering the consignment," Hitesh Chandra Roy, the Superintendent of Police of Kamrup district, told *The Hindu*.

Baby wallabies, chimpanzees, monkeys and tortoises were among the animals seized on Mizoram-Myanmar border. • AP

Sunnydeo Chaudhary, the Divisional Forest Officer of North Kamrup division, said the two arrested persons – identified as Raghu from Theni district and Karthik from Villupuram district of Tamil Nadu – were being interrogated for information about others involved in the animal-trafficking trade.

"The animals have been taken to the Assam State Zoo where their health condition would be assessed and the species identified," he said.

North Bengal hub?

Assam forest officials said Myanmar, despite the civil war, has been the source of most exotic animals smuggled into Northeast India and elsewhere in the country with northern West Bengal becoming a hub of this illegal trade.

"There seems to be a craze for keeping exotic animals as pets, which is fuelling the animal trafficking racket. But the biggest worry is that these animals, unlike those exchanged by zoos, come in without health screening, thus posing the risk of spreading diseases," Bibhab Talukdar of the Assam-based green group Aaranyak said.

Google plans pilot on 'gambling' apps

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Google on Thursday said it will conduct a pilot programme to enable distribution of daily fantasy sports (DFS) and rummy apps by local developers to users in India via its application store, Play Store.

Currently, real money online rummy and daily fantasy apps, including Dream 11 and Mobile Premier League, are banned from Google Play Store as they violate the platform's policy on gambling.

While the gaming industry has welcomed the step, they have termed inclusion on just two game formats as "discriminatory" and "misuse of dominance".

The company has invited applications for the pilot programme, which is expected to run for a year from September 28.

"We are constantly exploring ways for local developers to build successful businesses and offer delightful experiences on Google Play. Through this pilot programme, we are taking a measured approach that will help us collate learnings and retain an enjoyable and safe experience for our users," a Google spokesperson said.

Roland Landers, CEO of All India Gaming Federation, said the move by Google is a progressive step, but it needs to be inclusive.

Echoing similar views, Saumya Singh Rathore, co-founder of gaming platform WinZO, said it's unreasonable to allow only rummy and fantasy games while foreclosing the door for all other skill-based games that cumulatively form a bigger user base of over 500 million users in India.

300 new cargo terminals to boost Railways revenue

Govt. pegs it at ₹30,000 crore a year

YUTHIKA BHARGAVA
NEW DELHI

A day after the Union Cabinet approved revised policy on long term leasing of Railways Land and plans to develop 300 Gati Shakti Cargo Terminals, Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Thursday said the move will help the national transporter garner a larger share in freight transport, thereby increasing its revenues.

After the launch of the 'Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal (GCT)' policy last December, the government has received a very good response from the industry, he noted.

"The target of 300 terminals is a very achievable target. We already have 150 firm proposals – about 93 applications have been received to build terminals and about 65 entities have expressed their interest," the Minister said.

A senior Railways official added that Indian Railways expects incremental revenues of at least ₹30,000 crore per annum from freight services after the development of 300 'Gati shakti Cargo Terminals' over the next five years. Additionally, the setting up of these terminals is expected to generate direct employment for 30,000 people

About 93 applications have been received to build terminals, says Minister.

Meanwhile, the Minister also clarified that there will be no change in policy for existing terminal holders, including PSUs such as CONCUR, Food Corporation of India, COAL India Ltd and Steel Authority of India.

"We don't want any favourable or unfavourable treatment. The new players will come through a transparent bidding process," he shared.

He, however, added that once the lease ends, the existing players will have the option to switch to the new policy via the bidding process.

The Minister also stressed that the role of Railways is crucial to bring down the logistics cost of the country, which is about 13-14% of the GDP presently, and success in this aspect will help make India a more competitive market.

M.P. to impose curbs at garba venues

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
RAIPUR

Terming garba events as a "medium for love jihad", Madhya Pradesh Minister Usha Thakur on Thursday said that all participants should carry identity proof in order to enter garba venues.

"People in general and all organisations are aware that garba pandals have become a major medium for love jihad. That is why it becomes mandatory that no one enters a garba pandal by hiding their identity," said Ms. Thakur, adding that this was both an "advice as well as warning".

Over the years, 'love jihad' has become a recurring theme in the run-up to Navratri and even during the festival.

Last year, the police had arrested four Muslim youth, including two students, at a college garba event in Indore after a large group of right-wing activists accused them of promoting 'love jihad'.

Ms. Thakur, who heads the Culture and Tourism portfolio in the State Cabinet, herself has been vocal on the issue, raising it as early as 2014.

As an MLA, she had asked garba organisers to check identity proof of those visiting garba events.

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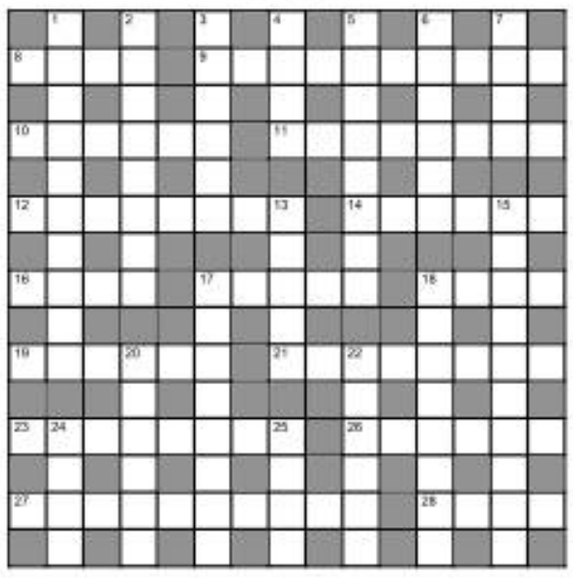

Across

8 One can eat this part of tomato fungus (4)
9 Refuse container having two parts: The whole of it carries the first part, while the first part carries the second (7,3)
10 Faster arrangement to fire at ground target (6)
11 Endlessly impede big cat and male horse (8)
12 Conceals Eastern spices blended around end of April (8)
14 Old city male is pressing (6)
16 A part of the military is positioned in farmyard (4)
17 Initial kind of tree on street (5)
18 A police department makes corrosive chemical (4)
19 Boy gets command at boundary (6)
21 Prohibit mad Turk wrongly accepting termination of partnership and getting insolvent (8)
23 Since, top operating system produces heat resistant material (8)
26 Creature let rut flow (6)
27 Arsonist's private yacht cruising, at first, around country (10)
28 Stop consuming! Quickly! (4)

Down

1 After first weekday, cartel rigged Oscar's racing venue (5,5)
2 A CIA deputy losing record blows up cheek! (8)
3 Accepts silver on European salver at first (6)
4 Mineral deposits in forest (4)
5 Weapon's actual deployment around Panama tower in the beginning (8)
6 Juliet and Roman prisoner's travel fatigue? (3,3)
7 Chinese chairman consumed king-fish (4)
13 Silence! Wipe plant! (5)
15 Cosmetic from new oil phials shaken (4,6)
17 Friar and pet go around building that is dangerous in the event of a conflagration (8)
18 RAF cart driven around one plane (8)
20 Evil spirit moaned horribly (6)
22 Agreeable to go around operation theatre and observe (6)
24 Under the firmament lies English island (4)
25 Thin pilgrims losing grip slip (4)

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

Solution to puzzle 13655

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

A unique love letter

Rukmini's letter to Krishna, asking Him to take her away and marry her, gives us Vedanta in a nutshell and in a simple style, said V.S. Karunakarachariar, in a discourse.

In her letter, Rukmini says that she has given daana of many kinds. She mentions her donations to scholars, acharyas and the devas. She has contributed to religious causes, sacrifices and other charitable purposes. Acts of charity, which benefit the society at large are called poorta. Rukmini indicates that she has donated to social causes too. But significantly, she claims no credit for any of these. Nor does she say that she sought or derived benefits through such acts. She hopes the Lord is pleased with her good works. Thus, she shows us that we must do all our kamya karmas without expecting anything for ourselves. Whatever we do, is to please the Paramatma. We have no rights to the fruits of our actions. This is what Lord Krishna is going to say elaborately later in the Bhagavad Gita.

Rukmini puts it here briefly and in an easily understandable manner. All karmas should be performed only for the pleasure of the Supreme One. She also shows how a wife must be concerned about her husband, offering him the right advice. Rukmini is keen to be saved from marriage to Sisupala. At the same time, she is concerned about Krishna's safety. So she requests Him to ensure that His army is close by to ward off attacks, when the need arises. She is aware of the need for stealth. Krishna cannot come openly. At the same time, she knows fighting will ensue and she wants Him to be unharmed. She speaks of the glory of His feet. She says that if Krishna does not come, she will make sure she reaches Him. Even if she has to take hundreds of births, she will not give up her attempt to reach Him.

Queen Elizabeth II : a life in the spotlight

Head of State of the United Kingdom and 14 Commonwealth realms. Head of the Armed Forces, Judiciary, Civil Service and Church of England. State visits to 117 countries — travelling more than one million miles. Her Majesty was Patron of over 600 organisations throughout her reign. The Queen met 12 of the 13 U.S. presidents since her coronation.Weekly audiences with 15 British Prime Ministers, from Churchill to Truss

1926, APRIL 21: Princess **Elizabeth Alexandra Mary** born at 17 Bruton Street, Mayfair, London, first child of Duke and Duchess of York. Younger sister Princess Margaret born four years later

1936: Abdication crisis in Britain. Elizabeth's father becomes **King George VI.** Princess Elizabeth is now first in line to throne

1947: British rule in India ends. **Nov 20:** Princess Elizabeth marries Lieutenant **Philip Mountbatten** at Westminster Abbey

1950: Princess Anne born 1952, **Feb 6:** King George VI dies. Princess Elizabeth, on safari in Kenya, becomes Queen.

1953: Hillary and Tenzing conquer **Mount Everest.** News reaches Britain one day before Queen Elizabeth II is crowned on June 2

1956: Suez Crisis – UN forces Britain and France to withdraw troops from Egypt

1969: British Army deployed to keep peace in Northern Ireland. **Neil Armstrong** walks on moon – Queen's message of congratulations to Apollo 11 astronauts is micro-filmed and left on moon in metal container

1977: Silver Jubilee celebrations mark Queen's first **25 years** on throne

1979: Margaret Thatcher becomes Britain's **first woman Prime Minister.** Queen's cousin, Lord Mountbatten, killed in IRA bomb attack

JULY 29: Marriage of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer watched by **700 million** TV viewers worldwide

1982: Prime Minister Thatcher declares war on Argentina. Grandson **Prince William** born

2002: Princess Margaret and Queen Mother die at start of Queen's **Golden Jubilee** year

2005, APRIL: Prince Charles marries Camilla Parker Bowles. **July:** Suicide attacks in London kill **56 people**

2011, APRIL 29: Prince William marries Catherine Middleton. **May:** Queen makes first state visit to **Ireland** by reigning British monarch since before independence

2012: Queen's **Diamond Jubilee.** London hosts Olympic Games

2015: Queen becomes Britain's **longest reigning monarch**

2016: Queen turns 90 - overseas travel and some patronages delegated to family members. **June:** Britain votes to **leave EU**

2018: Grandson Prince Harry marries **Meghan Markle**

2020: Queen and Prince Philip relocate to Windsor Castle due to pandemic. **Nov.:** Joe Biden wins **U.S. poll**

APRIL 9, 2021: Prince Philip dies at age 99 after 73 years of marriage

FEB. 6, 2022: 70th anniversary of Queen's accession marks start of **Platinum Jubilee year**

SEPT. 8, 2022: Queen Elizabeth II dies

London bridge is down

While some critics argue that she leaves no tangible mark, her legacy is remarkable in that it ensured the monarchy's survival in an era of rapid change

REUTERS
LONDON

Queen Elizabeth II, who died on Thursday, broke many records as monarch, becoming an enduring symbol of the country over which she reigned for 70 years even as it changed beyond recognition, losing its empire and undergoing social upheaval.

Some commentators describe her reign as a "golden age" reminiscent of that of her namesake Elizabeth I, who ruled over England 400 years ago during a period of growing power and cultural flourishing.

"I think that we are partly viewed through the prism of the Queen: the consistency, the wisdom that she has shown, all of that has been apparent in the way that people view Britain," said Valerie Amos, a former politician and the first Black person appointed by the monarch to the ancient "Order of the Garter".

Others say the 96-year-old's impact on the nation was less profound than that of her illustrious forebear, the monarch's powers having shrunk since the first Elizabethan age.

Some critics argue she leaves no tangible mark, only an institution unfit for purpose in a world of egalitarian aspirations, irreverent social media commentary and scrutiny by round-the-clock media outlets.

Yet her legacy is still remarkable: ensuring the monarchy survived an era of rapid change.

A royal legacy: Queen Elizabeth II of Britain laying a wreath at the memorial to Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat in Delhi on November 18, 1983. • FILE PHOTO

Elizabeth ascended the throne aged 25 on February 6, 1952, on the death of her father George VI, when Britain was emerging from the ravages of World War Two.

Since then, Presidents, Popes and Prime Ministers have come and gone, the Soviet Union has collapsed and Britain's empire has gone, replaced by a Commonwealth of 56 nations which Elizabeth was instrumental in creating.

Elizabeth I spent 44 years on the throne in the 16th Century, a period regarded as England's Golden Age when the economy grew, the country's influence expanded and William Shakespeare wrote his plays.

"Some people have expressed the hope that my reign may mark a new Elizabethan age," the Queen said in her 1953 Christmas broadcast. "Frankly, I do not myself feel at all like my great Tudor forebear." Having never given an interview or made her personal views on political issues known, her own assessment of her reign – the longest in British history – is hard to ascertain. A senior royal aide told *Reuters* she would regard her legacy as a matter for others to judge.

Constitutional historian David Starkey has said the Queen did not regard her role as embodying a historical period, but merely doing a job.

The Queen's determination to perform her role as well as she could and restraint from voicing any views that might cause offence gave her a moral authority beyond anything she commanded merely through her position as Queen, some say.

Constitutionally, the British sovereign has few practical powers and is expected to be non-partisan.

However, historians say Elizabeth has wielded "soft" power and made the monarchy a unifying, focal point for the nation amid great societal divisions, exemplified by her broadcast to reassure the public at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Queen Elizabeth II cherished 'warmth and hospitality' of India

She acceded to the throne after India's Independence

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
LONDON

Queen Elizabeth II, who died aged 96 on Thursday, was the first British monarch to accede to the throne after India's Independence from colonial rule in 1952 and cherished the "warmth and hospitality" she received during her three State Visits to the country over the course of her reign – in 1961, 1983 and 1997.

"The warmth and hospitality of the Indian people, and the richness and diversity of India itself have been an inspiration to all of us," she said in one of her addresses.

In 1961, the queen and her husband, the late Prince Phillip – Duke of Edinburgh, toured Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata – then Bombay, Madras, and Calcutta – and also visited the Taj Mahal in Agra and paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi at Raj Ghat in New Delhi.

They were Guests of Honour at the Republic Day Parade on the invitation of the then President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, and an enduring image from the tour shows the Queen addressing a massive crowd of several thousand people packed into Ramlila Grounds in Delhi for her address, dressed in a fur coat and hat.

In 1983, her visit was in time for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) and she famously presented Mother Teresa with an honorary Order of the Merit. Her final visit to India was to mark the 50th anniversary celebrations of India's Independence and for the first time she made a reference to "difficult episodes" of colonial history.

"It is no secret that there have been some difficult episodes in our past. Jallianwala Bagh is a distressing example," the monarch said.

She and her husband later paid a visit to the scene of the 1919 Jallianwala Bagh massacre in Amritsar, Punjab to place a wreath at the memorial, amid calls for an apology for the thousands killed at the orders of a British General during the Raj era.

The queen's death comes just days after she appointed her 15th Prime Minister, Liz Truss, at Balmoral Castle in Scotland.

Ranil expands govt. with 37 Ministers

Shasheendra, a nephew of former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, gets post

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

Sri Lanka on Thursday appointed 37 State Ministers, including one from the Rajapaksa family, as President Ranil Wickremesinghe expanded his government amid efforts to set the country's battered economy on a recovery path.

Barring a few, all newly appointed Ministers, including some tainted by allegations of corruption and violence, are from the Rajapaksas' Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP or People's Front) or its long-time allies. They held similar, or in some instances, same positions, in the former Rajapaksa administration that was booted out by a historic people's uprising. Shasheendra Rajapaksa, a nephew of former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, is the first member of the family to return to a ministerial post after waves of street protests demanded that the "Rajapaksas go home" taking responsibility for the crippling economic crisis. Taking to Twitter, Leader of Opposition Sajith Premadasa slammed the move. "When our nation faces its worst economic crisis, the appointment of so many State Ministers is nothing short of a crime. The government has a social contract with the people, not with themselves," he said.

The State Ministers of the new government with Ranil.

Sri Lanka's grave economic downturn has endured since the beginning of the year, as citizens struggle to cope with the soaring inflation. The UN's World Food Programme (WFP) has noted that hunger "is rising sharply in Sri Lanka". "Millions of the poorest Sri Lankans can no longer afford an adequate diet and we fear the situation may get worse in the weeks to come," said John Aylieff, WFP's Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific.

On September 1, Sri Lanka and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) signed a staff-level agreement for a $2.9 billion package, which the international lending agency has made conditional on Sri Lanka successfully restructuring its foreign debt. President Wickremesinghe's uphill task includes negotiating with Sri Lanka's diverse group of creditors, and implementing likely unpopular policies, while keeping the SLPP's support for him intact in Parliament.

With President Wickremesinghe's efforts to form an all-party government proving unsuccessful so far, his reliance on the Rajapaksas' party continues. Opposition parties have refused to join the administration, contending that the government lacks a people's mandate.

Everyone wants me to run in 2024, says Trump

He claims that 2020 polls were rigged

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
NEW DELHI

Donald Trump has dropped another hint at a White House campaign in 2024, with the former U.S. President telling Indian television that a run for office would "make a lot of people very happy".

"Everyone wants me to run. I am leading in the polls," Trump said in an excerpt of an interview with *NDTV* which was broadcasted in full on Thursday night.

The billionaire former reality TV star, 76, also repeated false claims that the 2020 election in which he lost to current President Joe Biden was rigged.

The Republican has faced intense legal scrutiny over his efforts to overturn the results of the poll and over an attack on the U.S. Capitol by his supporters on January 6 last year.

Since leaving office, he has remained America's most divisive figure, continuing to sow falsehoods that he won the vote.

Donald Trump

He is currently under investigation for potential mishandling of classified documents, with the FBI raiding his Florida home last month.

Mr. Trump has denied wrongdoing and called the raid "one of the most egregious assaults on democracy in the history of our country". In a speech on Saturday in Pennsylvania he hit back at assertions by Mr. Biden that he and his supporters are undermining U.S. democracy, calling Mr. Biden an "enemy of the state".

Blinken unveils $2 bn in military aid for Europe

'For countries threatened by Russia'

ASSOCIATED PRESS
KYIV

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken made an unscheduled visit to Kyiv on Thursday as the Biden administration announced major new military aid worth more than $2 billion for Ukraine and other European countries threatened by Russia.

In meetings with senior Ukrainian officials, Mr. Blinken said the Biden administration had notified Congress of its intent to provide $2 billion in long-term Foreign Military Financing to Ukraine and 18 of its neighbours, including NATO members and regional security partners, that are "most potentially at risk for future Russian aggression."

Pending expected congressional approval, about $1 billion of that will go to Ukraine and the rest will be divided among Albania, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, the State Department said.

It will go to help those countries "deter and defend against emergent threats to their sovereignty and territorial integrity" by enhancing their military integration with NATO and countering "Russian influence and aggression," the department said.

"This assistance demonstrates yet again our unwavering commitment to Ukraine's future as a democratic, sovereign, and independent state, as well as the security of allies and partners across the region," it said.

Foreign Military Financing, or FMF, allows recipients to purchase U.S.-made defence equipment, often depending on their specific needs. This financing comes on top of an existing $675 million package for heavy weaponry.

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विज्ञप्तिसंख्या– 9018002207 (UBN: VPN2223GLOB01029) के अन्तर्गत 765 केवी हार्डवेयर (असोसरटेड टाइप) की आपूर्ति के लिए उपयुक्त निर्माता के कारखाना पर डिजाइन, निर्माण, परीक्षण के पश्चात आपूर्ति एवं वितरण हेतु इच्छुक बोली दाताओं से दिनांक 06.10.2022 सायं सायं 06.00 तक बोली आमंत्रित की जाती है।
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दीवाई/विज्ञप्ति सं. 10607 दिनांक 12.09.2022
कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, संभाग प्रथम उदेपुर
फोन: 2441 दिनांक 31.08.2022
निविदा संशोधन सूचना 16/2022-23
इस कार्यालय द्वारा जारी निविदा सूचना संख्या 16/2022-23 में अंकित समस्त पत्रक कार्यों की निविदायें ऑनलाईन प्रस्तुत किये जाने की दिनांक 14.09.2022 को सायं 6.00 बजे तक बढ़ाई जाती। तकनीकी निविदायें दिनांक 15.09.2022 को प्रातः 11.00 बजे संबंधित कार्यालय में ऑनलाईन खोली जायेगी। निविदा की अन्य शर्तें यथावत रहेगी।
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The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Registered & Corporate Office : Bidyut Unnayan Bhaban
Plot No.: 3/C, LA - Block, Sector- III, Bidhannagar, Kol-700106
Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref. No.: WBPDCL / Tend-Adv/22-23/Corp/CC-987 Date: 06.09.2022
NIT No.: WBPDCL/CORP/NIT/E1573/22-23 (2nd Call)
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in. by the General Manager(M&C), WBPDCL, from eligible agencies/companies for **"Repairing of stretches of Kharyasole-Bara Jamtara road (2.60 Km-5.00 Km), Sharsa More to Hazratpur Road for Gangaramchak-Bhadulia coal mine of WBPDCL". Tender Document Download Start Date:** 06.09.2022 from 18.00 hrs. **Bid Submission End Date:** 14.09.2022 at 12.00 hrs. **Contact Person:** Mr. Subhasis Bhattacharya, Manager (Civil) (M&C). **Contact No.:** 9475851451. **E-mail:** subhattacharya@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit **https:// wbtenders.gov.in**
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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
(PROJECT ORGANISATION)
Tender Notice

Tender Notice No & Date	1. Proj1MS_AJJ-NG_ABS_22_04 Dt.05.09.2022. 2. Proj1MS_NG-TDK_ABS_22_05 Dt.07.09.2022. 3. Proj1MS_TDK-RU_ABS_22_06 Dt.07.09.2022.
Name of the Work: 1. Provision of Automatic Block Signaling with Dual MSDAC, EI/OC interface and Block Optimization in Arakkonam Junction (AJJ)-Nagari (NG) Section of Chennai (MAS) Division in Southern Railway (Reach-I). **2.** Provision of Automatic Block Signaling with Dual MSDAC, EI/OC Interface and Block Optimization in NAGARI(NG) - TADUKU(TDK) section and Replacement of EI/RRI at VEPAGUNTA (VGA) Station of CHENNAI (MAS) Division in Southern Railway (Reach-II). **3.** Provision of Automatic Block Signaling with Dual MSDAC, EI/OC Interface and Block Optimization in TADUKU(TDK)-RENIGUNTA(RU) section and Replacement of EI/RRI at TADUKU (TDK), PUDI (PUDI) & SRI VENKATA PERUMAL RAJU PURAM (SVF) Stations of CHENNAI (MAS) Division in Southern Railway (Reach-III).	
Tender Value in Crores	Item No.1: ₹ **34.01** Item No.2: ₹ **38.98** Item No.3: **37.41**
Bid security (EMD) in Lakhs	Item No.1: ₹ **18.50** Item No.2: ₹ **20.99** Item No.3: **20.20**
Validity Offer	Item No.1,2,3 : **90 days**
Closing Date & Time	Item No.1: **03.10.2022, 14:00 hrs;** Item No.2: **06.10.2022, 14:00 hrs;** Item No.3: **07.10.2022, 14:00 hrs;**
Period of Completion	**15 months**

Note: The detailed Tender Notice, Tender documents along with terms & conditions and if any corrigendum to tenders are issued can be accessed through (**www.ireps.gov.in**).
Deputy Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Project-I, Chetpet, Chennai-31
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CIN: U40101WB2007SGC113474 • web: www.wbsetcl.in
NIT No.: CE(P)/WBSETCL/CT/22-23/18 Date: 09.09.2022
The **Chief Engineer (Procurement)** invites e-Tender for procurement of Current Transformers of various voltage class (2nd call). Bid documents can be downloaded from **09.09.2022, 11:00 A.M.** and shall be submitted (online) up to **12.00 Noon, 12.10.2022.** Visit the following websites:- **https://wbtenders.gov.in, https://etender.wb.nic.in, www.wbsetcl.in** for details.
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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
PALAKKAD DIVISION
E-TENDER NOTICE No.PGT/OT/13/2022 dated 06.09.2022
Sr. Divisional Engineer/Co-ordination/Southern Railway/Palakkad invites E-TENDERS for the following works.

Sl. No	Name of work	Approximate Cash value (In Lakhs) ₹	Bid Security Amount ₹	Completion Period in Months
1	2	3	4	6
1	Proposed preparatory works in connection with GM Inspection 2022-23 under Divisional Engineer/ West jurisdiction-Bridge Works.	37.97	75,900/-	Two
2	Proposed preparatory works in connection with GM Inspection 2022-23 under Divisional Engineer/ East jurisdiction-Bridge Works.	22.31	44,600/-	Two
3	Senior Section Engineer/Permanent way/Tirur Section-Proposed attention to track between Tirur-Feroke stations (Km 623.660-654.850)	121.03	2,10,500/-	Three
4	Senior Section Engineer/Permanent Way/Kannur section-Proposed attention to track between Thalassery-Kannur stations (km 735.100-753.840)-Track works.	89.09	1,78,200/-	Two
5	Senior Section Engineer/Permanent Way/Quilandi section-Proposed attention to track between Quilandi-Thalassery stations (km 688.300-735.100)	75.40	1,50,800/-	Two
6	Senior Section Engineer/Permanent Way/Calicut section-Proposed attention to track between Feroke-Quilandi stations (Km 653.900-688.300)-Track works.	79.24	1,58,500/-	Three
7	1) Brightening up of Staff Quarters, Service buildings, Platform Shelter, etc. in Senior Section Engineer/ Works/Kannur Section 2. Tirur - Kannur GM Inspection-Preparatory works-Improvements to Railway Quarters, Station Buildings and Service buildings in Senior Section Engineer/Works/Kannur Section (MAHE-Kannur section)	41.09	82,200/-	Three
8	1. Tirur - Kannur GM inspection-Preparatory works-Improvements to Service buildings, Platform shelters, waiting hall etc. in Senior Section Engineer/Works/Shoranur section. 2. Shoranur-Brightening up of Station Buildings and Service Buildings at Senior Section Engineer/Works/ Shoranur Section.	59.32	1,18,600/-	Three
9	1. Brightening up of Station Buildings, Service Buildings, Staff Quarters, PF shelters, fencing, Platform wall and coping in Senior Section Engineer/ Works/Calicut Section. 2. Tirur - Kannur - GM Inspection Preparatory Works - Improvements to Stations Buildings, Service Buildings and Staff Quarters, paving of Badminton Court, Clearing of vegetation in station and colony premises, etc. In Senior Section Engineer / Works / Calicut Section. 3. West Hill, Elathur, Quilandy, Tikkodi & Nadapuram Road-Repairs to roofing sheets and Gutter of Platform shelter and Foot Over Bridge.	119.71	2,09,900/-	Three

5) Tender closing date 15.00 hrs on : **Sl. No. 1 to 9: 29.09.2022**

Eligibility criteria for single similar work previously executed	**Item No. 3,4,5,6**	**Any Track work**
	Item No. 8 & 9	**Any Civil Engineering work except track work/transportation**

Special Eligibility condition for under water Inspection for Item No.17
The work has to be executed as per RDSO Guide lines BS 98 (GUIDELINES ON UNDERWATER INSPECTION OF BRIDGES)
1. All the contracts on Works/goods/services will be subject to the new GST Act as applicable from time to time. 2. Contractors/Suppliers have to register themselves with GST authorities and to furnish the GST registration number in order to process the bills from 01.07.2017 onwards. For complete details of the above tenders please visit website "**http://www.ireps.gov.in**"
Sr. Divisional Engineer/Co-ordination/Palakkad (For and on behalf of the President of India)
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MARKET WATCH

	08-09-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	59,688	1.12
US Dollar	79.69	0.32
Gold	51,056	0.58
Brent oil	88.74	0.21

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	885.05	10.15
Apollo Hosp	4414.80	38.30
Asian Paints	3450.15	49.80
Axis Bank	779.75	24.35
Bajaj Auto	3846.60	0.95
Bajaj Finserv	17382.85	327.25
Bajaj Finance	7257.65	91.15
Bharti Airtel	769.80	16.70
BPCL	339.85	13.00
Britannia Ind	3672.65	4.75
Cipla	1056.05	4.55
Coal India	236.45	-2.40
Divis Lab	3568.40	-22.55
Dr Reddys Lab	4271.65	22.35
Eicher Motors	3425.75	42.10
Grasim Ind	1769.85	19.70
HCL Tech	931.05	-0.65
HDFC	2449.65	21.85
HDFC Bank	1497.60	15.30
HDFC Life	584.35	7.40
Hero MotoCorp	2857.30	2.55
Hindalco	420.55	-12.30
Hind Unilever	2577.15	12.55
ICICI Bank	898.80	22.60
Indusind Bank	1108.30	18.35
Infosys	1475.90	18.25
ITC	329.90	1.80
JSW Steel	685.35	0.75
Kotak Bank	1930.05	21.80
L&T	1974.40	16.10
M&M	1321.90	32.20
Maruti Suzuki	8790.65	5.75
Nestle India Ltd.	19123.75	-55.55
NTPC	166.80	-0.50
ONGC	131.85	-0.65
PowerGrid Corp	224.40	0.00
Reliance Ind	2585.40	3.65
SBI Life	1317.70	-13.85
State Bank	544.65	11.80
Shree Cement	24458.45	1277.40
Sun Pharma	894.30	0.55
Tata Consumer Products Ltd	819.10	-6.00
Tata Motors	442.20	-3.65
Tata Steel	105.85	-1.75
TCS	3169.65	20.05
Tech Mahindra	1089.60	33.75
Titan	2626.70	-11.05
UltraTech Cement	6919.65	148.85
UPL	737.50	-3.60
Wipro	412.80	5.35

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on September 08

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	79.51	79.83
Euro	79.54	79.87
British Pound	91.62	92.00
Japanese Yen (100)	55.28	55.50
Chinese Yuan	11.43	11.48
Swiss Franc	81.70	82.04
Singapore Dollar	56.58	56.82
Canadian Dollar	60.50	60.77
Malaysian Ringitt	17.65	17.74
Australian Dollar	53.57	53.80

Source: Indian Bank

'Monetary tools alone can't tame inflation'

Growth impulses also need to be 'unfettered' in current situation, says Finance Minister Sitharaman

VIKAS DHOOT
NEW DELHI

In a barely veiled signal to the RBI, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Thursday that monetary policy tools like interest rate increases deployed by several central banks would not suffice to cool inflation and suggested that the Reserve Bank of India need not synchronise its actions 'as much' with its counterparts in developed countries.

While monetary policy as a solution for containing inflation had been considered 'sacrosanct', the minister indicated that growth needed attention too, while countries that had been exponents of the monetary policy theory that only increasing interest rates could rein in inflation, had been totally ineffective in managing price rise, Ms. Sitharaman said.

Indian recipe: If you talked to people on the ground, they would stress the need for growth, says FM. • SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

"Why does one country in that network have a 79% [inflation] and why [does] some country, which is the fountainhead of such theory, have the highest inflation in 40 years," she noted rhetorically. "Why would other members of that clique of nations also [look] at 8%-9% [inflation]," she asked.

India's experience in handling inflation showed that many different factors needed attention and while the central bank and its instruments like interest rates form a 'very critical part of it', they could not be the only one, the minister observed.

"I say it with a sense of responsibility... yes, it is one of the tools, but sometimes, for instance in India, if you were to leave the policy makers and talk to people on the ground, they would say, particularly in the situation we are in now, where economic growth would have to be unfettered," she said.

'Not prescribing'

"The Reserve Bank will have to synchronise somewhat, may not be as much synchronised as the other western developed countries would do. I am not prescribing or giving a forward direction to the RBI, let me be careful here," she said at a meet on 'Taming Inflation'.

"But... India's solution to handling the economy, part of which is handling inflation also, is an exercise where the fiscal and monetary policy have to work together. It can't be singularly left to monetary policy which has proved totally ineffective in many countries whose structure, whose economy's profile forms the basis of monetary policy theory to rivet everything on interest rate and say that's the one and only potent tool to manage inflation," she asserted.

"India's inflation management is an exercise of so many different activities, majority of which are outside the monetary policy in today's circumstances," Ms. Sitharaman said, stressing that such an assertion from a country's Finance Minister would have been considered 'sacrilegious' earlier.

ECB lifts rates by record 75 bps to fight inflation

Central bank sees more rate increases

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
FRANKFURT

The European Central Bank announced the largest rate increase in its history Thursday and said it would raise rates again as it scrambles to tame record inflation.

Policymakers lifted the ECB's key rates by 75 basis points, a leap matched only by a technical move made in 1999 shortly after the central bank's founding.

Eurozone inflation hit a record 9.1% in August, as steep increases in the price of energy in the wake of the Russian invasion of Ukraine heaped pressure on households and businesses.

Consumer prices were likely to continue to rise quickly "for an extended period", the ECB said in a statement, with its latest forecasts expecting inflation to average 8.1% in 2022.

Christine Lagarde

The step quickened the ECB's move away from a "highly accommodative" level of policy rates to one that would bring inflation back to its 2% target, it said.

The Frankfurt-based institution was on a "journey" to raise interest rates and tame inflation, ECB President Christine Lagarde said at a press conference.

Centre sets 20% export duty on rice

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The government on Thursday announced the imposition of an export duty of 20% on rice, brown rice and semi-milled as well as wholly milled rice, effective from September 9, in a move that is aimed at curbing price gains in the key food grain.

The development comes in the wake of concerns about lower Kharif paddy sowing by farmers this season amid uneven monsoon rains in parts of the country, including in some key rice growing regions in the country's north and east, that have exacerbated inflationary expectations and nudged up retail prices for the staple cereal in recent weeks.

Digital lending rules meant to end regulatory arbitrage: Rao

'Onus of complying with regulatory guidelines is on entities'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

The entities will have to ensure that the loan facilitators function within the ecosystem

The Reserve Bank of India's digital lending rules have been designed to end regulatory arbitrage and protect customers, RBI Deputy Governor M. Rajeshwar Rao said on Thursday.

"The Working Group on Digital Lending delved deeper into the concerns arising out of digital lending ecosystem," Mr. Rao said. "The recently announced regulatory framework for digital lending encapsulates RBI's approach of customer-first regulations," he said at an Assocham event here.

"The framework is designed to strike a balance between the need for an innovative and inclusive system while at the same time ensuring that regulatory arbitrage is not exploited to the detriment of customer interest," he said.

Mr. Rao said another underlying theme of the regulatory framework was that the onus of complying with the regulatory guidelines rested with the regulated entities.

"They will have to ensure that the loan service facilitators and digital lending apps with which they have outsourcing tie-ups function within the regulatory ecosystem, not just in letter but also in spirit," he added.

Mr. Rao said the deepening and widening of financial inclusion would drive growth in "financialisation" of savings in India.

Mr. Rao said one specific area where digital lending had the potential to be a catalyst for economic growth was cash-flow based lending to MSMEs.

He said the challenge for the regulator in a fast-developing economy like India was to keep pace with market innovations and strive to strike a balance between ensuring safety without stifling innovation, which was "never an easy task."

Auto retail sales rose 8.31% in August: FADA

'Compared with Aug. 2019, sales slid 7%'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Retail sales of automobiles in India grew 8.31% in August this year on the back of an increase in registrations of vehicles across all major segments, automobile dealers' body FADA said.

As per data released by the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA), total vehicle retail sales in the country stood at 15,21,490 units last month as compared to 14,04,704 units in August 2021.

Passenger vehicles (PV) retail sales grew 6.51% to 2,74,448 units. Two-wheeler (2W) retail sales also grew by 8.52% to 10,74,266 units

FADA said the three-wheeler (3W) segment witnessed the highest growth

rate last month posting 83.14% increase to 56,313 units. Commercial vehicles (CV) also witnessed a robust 24.12% growth to 67,158 units.

FADA President Manish Raj Singhania said August retail sales were not encouraging.

"When compared with August 2019, a pre-COVID month, total vehicle retail sales fell by 7%, " he said.

Oil extends fall as China adds COVID curbs

REUTERS
LONDON

Oil prices fell on Thursday, extending sharp losses from the previous session, as China's extension of lockdowns to curb the COVID-19 spread exacerbated concerns that a slowdown in global economic activity would hit fuel demand.

Brent crude futures lost 40 cents to $87.60 per barrel by 1002 GMT, near a late-January low.

Saxo Bank analyst Ole Hansen said the decline in oil prices was "driven by continued demand worries related to the risk of growth-killing rate hikes from central banks battling runaway inflation and China's continued economic struggle caused by its COVID-zero policy."

IN BRIEF

TVS Motor unveils Apache bike variants

CHENNAI

TVS Motor Company on Thursday rolled out two new models of its Apache range of motorcycles - 2022 TVS Apache RTR 160 and Apache RTR 180 - at a starting price of ₹1,17,790 (ex-showroom Delhi).

Centre to buy VIL stake upon stable share price

NEW DELHI

The Centre will acquire stake in debt-ridden Vodafone Idea after the telco's stock price stabilises at ₹10 or above, said an official source. Vodafone Idea Ltd. (VIL) board has offered a stake to the government at a par value of ₹10 per share. "There is a SEBI norm that the acquisition should take place at par value. DoT will clear the acquisition after VIL shares stabilise at ₹10 or above," the source said. PTI

U.S. FDA wants remedial steps at Panacea unit

NEW DELHI

Panacea Biotec Ltd. on Thursday said the U.S. health regulator has asked for further corrective actions at the manufacturing unit of its wholly owned arm at Baddi in Himachal Pradesh otherwise approval of any pending product applications from the facility may be withheld. The U.S. Food and Drug. The U.S. FDA issued Form 483 with eight observations related to improvements in existing procedures and are addressable, as per a filing. PTI

Aluminum firms' margins may shrink in Q2: ICRA

NEW DELHI

Operating margins of domestic primary aluminum companies are likely to shrink by 400-500 bps sequentially in Q2 FY23 due to factors like high input costs, ICRA said. "Owing to a twin onslaught of correction in aluminum prices and elevated input costs, the estimated operating profitability of ICRA's sample set of domestic players is likely to contract sequentially by almost 400-500 bps in Q2 FY2023 compared to Q1 FY2023," ICRA said. PTI

Life insurers' premium rose 18% in Aug.: IRDAI

LIC posts 15.4% rise to ₹21,882 crore

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

Life insurers reported new business premium rose 18% year on year in August to ₹32,857 crore, a performance marked by a nearly 24% increase in the premium of private insurance companies.

State-owned LIC, with a more than 68% market share, posted a 15.4% increase in the premium to ₹21,882.13 crore. A key driver of the growth for the behemoth was the 20.4% increase in Group Single Premium to ₹16,732 crore even as Individual Single Premium at ₹2,115.81 crore was more than 8% lower.

Private players' premium totalled ₹10,974.87 crore, according to the new business statement of life insurers for

August released by insurance regulator IRDAI. The Group Single Premium for the private insurers rose a little more than 44% to ₹3,555.20 crore, while Individual Single Premium at ₹1,669 crore was an increase of 15% year on year. As expected, the life insurance industry reported muted growth in August, Emkay Global Financial Services said in a research report.

CreditSights finds errors in Adani report

REUTERS
NEW DELHI

Fitch Group's CreditSights said it had discovered calculation errors in its debt report on two power and transmission companies controlled by Gautam Adani, following a conversation with the management.

CreditSights's report late last month calling the conglomerate 'deeply overleveraged' had sent shares of many Adani firms down.

For Adani Transmission, CreditSights corrected its (EBITDA, or core profit, estimate to ₹52 billion from ₹42 billion earlier.

For Adani Power, it corrected its gross debt estimate to ₹489 billion from ₹582 billion.

"These corrections did not change our investment recommendations," it said.

'Mental health issues costing $14 bn a year'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Poor mental health among employees costs Indian companies a combined $14 billion a year due to absenteeism, attrition and other reasons, Deloitte estimated in a report after surveying almost 4,000 workers.

About 47% of those surveyed considered workplace-related stress as the biggest factor affecting their mental health followed by financial and COVID-19 challenges.

The survey was conducted between November last year and April this year and was released on Thursday. In India alone, a 2019 WHO estimate said the economic loss due to mental health conditions between 2012 and 2030 would be about $1.03 trillion.

M&M unveils electric sport utility vehicle

Automaker to focus on B, C segments

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Mahindra & Mahindra on Thursday globally unveiled XUV400, the firm's first electric Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) in the Indian market.

The vehicle is based on the Inglo EV platform.

Addressing the media after unveiling the e-SUV, Rajesh Jejurikar, ED - Auto and Farm Sectors, said M&M would focus on B and C segments (EVs), which offer a huge market opportunity.

"Currently, the market penetration of electric cars in India is negligible," he said. "Therefore, we see a huge opportunity for electric SUVs. We will push this. Currently, B segment sells about 66,000 cars per month and C segment about 32,000 units," he added.

"We are focused on creating a market category. We are open to pricing. We will start talking to customers and price will be announced by early January. Deliveries will begin by January end."

M&M is in talks with three firms to set up charging infrastructure.

The e-SUV offers 456 km range on full charge and has the fastest acceleration among available peers, according to Mr. Jejurikar.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No:SEE/WMC/TKR/2600-02 Date: 06.09.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement portal mode only)

KPTCL invites tenders through e-Procurement for the following works **on Total Turnkey Basis**:

(1) Bid Enquiry No: SEE/Tr(W&M)/TKR/DCA/EE(O)/AE/Enq-06/Dtd: 22.07/2022/Call-2 for Dismantling, Transportation (to & fro), Repair of sick power transformer, Testing, assembling, erection and commissioning of repaired sick power transformer of rating 10MVA, 110/33-11kV SPEC make, Sl.No.ST-43261, YOM2011 lying at 110/11kV KG Temple S/s in Gubbi Taluk, Tumakuru District .

(2) Bid Enquiry No: SEE/Tr(W&M)/TKR/DCA/EE(O)/AE/Enq-07/Dtd: 22.07/2022/Call-2 for Dismantling, Transportation (to & fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and Commissioning of repaired sick power transformer of rating 8MVA, 66/33-11KV Standard Electric make, Sl.No.210504, year of manufacture 2004, failed at 66/11KV S/S, Bhaktharahalli in Kunigal Taluk, Tumakuru District and lying at 66/11KV KG S/S, Bhaktharahalli.

The detailed information regarding enquiries in e-Procurement portal can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink e-Procurement or **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **15.09.2022** and other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elec.)
Transmission (W&M), Circle, KPTCL, Siddaganga Complex, B.H. Road, Tumakuru-2.

Government of Karnataka
RDW&S, Division, Mysore

Short Term Tender Notification No: 21 /2022-23
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Determined to be consistent: Prannoy

The shuttler says that the BWF Tour No. 1 ranking has motivated him

BADMINTON

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HYDERABAD

H.S. Prannoy, who has been beating the best in the business consistently in major events in recent times, says that the BWF Tour No. 1 ranking gives him a lot of motivation and confidence with which he can keep improving.

"Being No. 1 on the BWF Tour in September itself makes you feel better for sure," he said.

"Yes, this is not the World No. 1 ranking for sure. Lot of things are bound to change on that front too soon once the rankings which were frozen are opened up," the 30-year-old Prannoy informed *The Hindu* on Thursday.

Striving hard: Prannoy feels he's ready to win a title. • AFP

"The next couple of months are equally important as these things might go up and down. I am determined to be as consistent as possible," he said.

"The fact that I have been reaching quarterfinals consistently in most of the events does show that I am really playing well. It is only a question of time before I keep knocking the door, open it and win a final too," Prannoy said.

"Yes, winning the Thomas Cup early this year is the defining moment not just for me but for Indian badminton itself. That victory gave so much confidence to every one of my teammates too," he said.

Questioned whether he is making any critical analysis of losing the matches after beating the top ranked players, Prannoy said that one had to understand that if you lose in a quarterfinal to someone he should be given equal respect.

"He has not reached that stage by virtue of any walkovers. He is there because he had also beaten some of the big guns," he added.

"It is pretty simple. Every top player is losing to one or the other.

"Rankings don't matter. On certain days, you have to come up with the kind of efforts to win the matches," Prannoy said.

Gopi Chand's influence

"Yes, those chats with Gopi Sir (chief national coach P. Gopi Chand) about some minor adjustments before a major event always help me even as there is a conscious effort to keep stepping into the next level," he said.

"Honestly, I don't chase any goals. All that I want is to take care of my body, stay cautious on the niggles during a tournament. Hope to finish off the year on a high for sure," Prannoy signed off.

Wet ground conditions rule out play

Day was sunny but overnight drizzle had done the damage

NZ-A IN INDIA

P.K. AJITH KUMAR
HUBBALLI

In the P.G. Wodehouse short story *How's That, Umpire?*, the heroine, a young American woman, tells her fiancé, an English cricketer, that an ideal cricket contest is one wherein the entire day is rained off while the rival teams do their crossword puzzles.

The goodly crowd that came for the opening day of the second 'Test' between India-A and New Zealand-A may not quite agree with Wodehouse's heroine. They arrived at the KSCA Stadium before the scheduled start on Thursday and stayed on till the announcement came, a little after 3.30 p.m., that play had been called off for the day. That was after the last of the day's several inspections by the umpires.

Everybody loves... Pace ace Umran Malik obliging his fans. • KIRAN BAKALE

No play was possible because of the wet ground conditions. Ironically, there wasn't a drop of rain during the scheduled playing hours.

There were, in fact, spells of bright sunshine, but the damage had been done by some overnight drizzle. , and a bit of that early in the morning.

Late in the day, when both teams came out to practice, they were greeted by loud cheers by the fans, who also got some entertainment, watching a couple of young selfie-seeking boys being chased off by the security guards.

Nice gesture

Those who didn't barge on to the field were given plenty of time for selfies and autographs by Umran Malik, the man who stunned the world with his superfast deliveries in the IPL. It was a nice gesture from the young quick-.Umran would have of course rather bowled, especially given the greenish tinge of the wicket and the overcast conditions. But he would have to wait for another day.

That day hopefully would not be the ideal one for that American girl in the Wodehouse short story.

India puts up a fine fight but bows to New Zealand

Finishes last in the group and will fight to stay in Division A; China and Japan top groups

BASKETBALL

K. KEERTHIVASAN
BENGALURU

India came up with a gutsy display, but couldn't stop New Zealand from emerging a 66-63 winner in a Group A match of the FIBA Asian women's under-18 basketball championship here on Thursday.

India finished fourth and last in the group, and will fight to stay in Division A when it takes on Indonesia for the 7-8 positions on Friday.

Tough nut to crack

After two defeats, India put up a great show and even looked like it could pull off a fine win. But, New Zealand proved a hard nut to crack.

- 18.8% free throw conversion rate is team's undoing

Earlier, Japan topped Group B with a 76-59 win over China while Australia finished first in Group A, defeating Korea 96-66.

Valiant rally

India took time to settle down. Trailing in the first two quarters – 9-17 & 23-36 – India fought back valiantly in the third.

Picking up speed and combining well, India reduced the margin to just four points (47-51).

The final quarter was exciting. India equalised for the first time at 51 with eight minutes remaining for the final whistle.

From then on it was a see-saw battle. India had its chances, but failure to convert free throws (18.8%) hurt the team, while New Zealand's conversion rate of 83.3% made the difference.

The results:

Group A: New Zealand 66 (Florence Dallow 12, Lilly Parke 11) bt India 63 (Deepthi Raja 4, Sathiya Krishnamurthi 15, Manmeet Kaur 21).

Australia 96 (Tess Heal 16, Dallas Loughridge 13, Nyadiew Puoch 23, Isobel Borlase 12, Isla Juffermans 14) bt Korea 66 (Sol Kim 10, Jiwon Baek 13).

Group B: Chinese Taipei 81 (M. Jing En 10, Yu Wen Hsiao 18) bt Indonesia 16.

Japan 76 (Mlai Mori 10, Chinami Yokoyama 19, Msaki Sasaka 11, Yuzuyu Yasogawa 12, Nanami Tsuno 11) bt China 59 (Li Wenxia 18, Li Qingyang 14).

On a roll: Chinese Taipei's top-scorer Yu Wen Hsiao goes for a basket against Indonesia. • SUDHAKARA JAIN

Hsiao — the lynchpin behind Chinese Taipei's good performances

She has been her team's go-to hoopster

K. KEERTHIVASAN
BENGALURU

Yu Wen Hsiao has been the heartbeat of the Chinese Taipei team in the FIBA Asian women's u-18 basketball championship here, though the 17-year-old will be the first to deny it.

In all three of Taipei's matches in Group-B, the six-feet tall Hsiao, playing as a centre, has been the go-to hoopster whenever the situation has demanded.

Against Japan, Hsiao, who was making her debut for the National team, emerged the top-scorer with 39 points with 15 rebounds though in a losing cause. Against the 16-time champion China, Hsiao was the second-highest scorer. But more than that, it was her timely two-pointers in the third quarter that set the momentum for Taipei to upset China.

Moreover, she is the top-scorer in the championship so far, with a whopping 70 points from three games, averaging 23.3 per game. "I want to thank my coaches and players who assisted me in my performance," Hsiao told *The Hindu* through a translator. She also holds the record of scoring the most number of points (39) against Japan in the FIBA Asian women's u-18 championship history.

Defeating China after 20 years was a great moment for Taipei. Hsiao played a key role in the team's triumph. "This is the first time I was playing against players (China) who were taller than I. I didn't start well, but made some adjustments and did well," she said.

Hsiao is not looking at anything other than the next match. "I have only two things in mind: do good defence and rebounds," she said. Taipei's head coach Mei-i Chen was all praise of Hsiao. "She is our little girl on whom we have put in a lot of effort and time so that she becomes a great player." Hsiao is definitely on the road to become one.

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Kohli breaks long international century drought

His previous hundred was in 2019 in a Test against Bangladesh; Bhuvneshwar takes five for four as India records big win

ASIA CUP

ASHWIN ACHAL
DUBAI

Virat Kohli brought his long wait for an international century to an end with a fine unbeaten 122 against Afghanistan in the Asia Cup Super 4 here on Thursday.

Kohli's heroics powered India to a massive 101-run win. The result, however, meant little as both teams had already exited the tournament.

Batting first, India racked up a formidable total of 212 for two on the back of Kohli's exploits.

Kohli opened the innings with K.L. Rahul (62, 41b, 6x4, 2x6). The duo gave India a great start, putting on 119 runs.

Kohli cut loose in the sixth over, bowled by Mujeeb Ur Rahman, hitting the spinner for two fours and a six. The maximum came through a quick advance down the track, and a clean strike over long-off.

He was lucky to receive a life on 28, when Ibrahim Zadran put down a chance at deep mid-wicket. Zadran, conscious of the boundary rope behind him, panicked and parried a regulation catch over the line.

Kohli raced from 90 to his century in two deliveries. He hit pacer Fareed Ahmad straight down the ground, and followed up with a flat pull six over deep mid-wicket. With the hundred in the bag, Kohli was ready to go all guns blazing.

Fazalhaq Farooqi, who bowled the last over, took the blow. Kohli had little trouble picking the slower deliveries, whacking the left-arm speedster for two big sixes and a four to close the innings in style.

Rahul, meanwhile, recorded his first fifty of the tournament. Rahul stood in as skipper for Rohit Sharma, who was rested.

Rishabh Pant contributed with an unbeaten 16-ball 20. Pant benefited from a drop as well, Mujeeb this time the culprit.

Afghanistan's chase turned out to a disaster. Fast bowler Bhuvneshwar Kumar took four wickets inside the first three overs, and returned to scalp another to reduce Afghanistan to 21 for six. He achieved a T20I career-best figures of five for four.

The long wait is over

Kohli ended his 1020-day three-figure drought with a century against Afghanistan in the Asia Cup on Thursday

INTERNATIONAL CENTURIES

Overall	71
Tests	27
ODIs	43
T20Is	1

Kohli became the fourth Indian, after Raina, Rohit and Rahul, to score a hundred in all formats

MEMORABLE MAIDEN

A look at the first century in each format for the **Club of 4**

	Tests	ODIs	T20Is
Raina	120 vs. SL, 2010	101 vs. Hkg, 2008	101 vs. SA, 2010
Rohit	177 vs. WI, 2013	114 vs. Zim, 2010	106 vs. SA, 2015
Rahul	110 vs. Aus, 2015	100* vs. Zim, 2016	110* vs. WI, 2016
Kohli	116 vs. Aus, 2012	107 vs. SL, 2009	122* vs. Afg, 2022

HIGH SCORES FOR INDIA IN T20Is

- **Kohli 122 n.o.** vs. Afghanistan, Dubai (2022)
- **Rohit 118** vs. Sri Lanka, Indore (2017)
- **Suryakumar 117** vs. England, Nottingham (2022)

MOST INTERNATIONAL 100s

	M	Inns	100s
Tendulkar (Ind)	664	782	100
Kohli (Ind)	468	522	71
Ponting (Aus/ICC)	560	668	71

- Tendulkar made **51 Test centuries and 49 ODI hundreds**
- Ponting's collection included **41 Test hundreds and 30 ODI centuries**

SCOREBOARD

INDIA

K.L. Rahul c Najibullah b Fareed 62 *(41b, 6x4, 2x6)*, Virat Kohli (not out) 122 *(61b, 12x4, 6x6)*, Suryakumar Yadav b Fareed 6 *(2b, 1x6)*, Rishabh Pant (not out) 20 *(16b, 3x4)*; Extras (w-2): 2; Total (for two wkts. in 20 overs): 212.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-119 (Rahul, 12.4 overs), 2-125 (Suryakumar, 12.6).

AFGHANISTAN BOWLING

Farooqi 4-0-51-0, Mujeeb 4-0-29-0, Fareed 4-0-57-2, Rashid 4-0-33-0, Nabi 3-0-34-0, Omarzai 1-0-8-0.

AFGHANISTAN

Hazratullah Zazai lbw b Bhuvneshwar 0 *(4b)*, Rahmanullah Gurbaz b Bhuvneshwar 0 *(1b)*, Ibrahim Zadran (not out) 64 *(59b, 4x4, 2x6)*, Karim Janat c Kohli b Bhuvneshwar 2 *(4b)*, Najibullah Zadran lbw b Bhuvneshwar 0 *(2b)*, Mohammad Nabi lbw b Arshdeep 7 *(7b, 1x4)*, Azmatullah Omarzai c Karthik b Bhuvneshwar 1 *(6b)*, Rashid Khan c Axar b Hooda 15 *(19b, 2x4)*, Mujeeb Ur Rahman b Ashwin 18 *(13b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Fareed Ahmad (not out) 1 *(5b)*; Extras (w-3): 3; Total (for eight wkts. in 20 overs): 111

FALL OF WICKETS

1-0 (Zazai, 0.4), 2-1 (Gurbaz, 0.6), 3-9 (Janat, 2.4), 4-9 (Najibullah, 2.6), 5-20 (Nabi, 5.5), 6-21 (Omarzai, 6.5), 7-54 (Rashid, 13.1), 8-87 (Mujeeb, 17.4).

INDIA BOWLING

Bhuvneshwar 4-1-4-5, Chahar 4-0-28-0, Arshdeep 2-0-7-1, Axar 4-0-24-0, Ashwin 4-0-27-1, Hooda 1-0-3-1, Karthik 1-0-18-0.

Toss: Afghanistan; **MoM:** Kohli.

India won by 101 runs.

TODAY'S MATCH

SUPER 4

Sri Lanka vs. **Pakistan**

Dubai, 7:30 p.m. IST

This hundred is for my wife and daughter: Kohli

'Anushka has put things in perspective'

ASHWIN ACHAL
DUBAI

When Virat Kohli hits a century, an angry, animated celebration usually follows. This time, however, there was visible relief on the face of a smiling Virat Kohli.

His 71st international century took a long time coming. It has been nearly three years since Kohli reached triple figures, the last coming in November 2019 in a Test match against Bangladesh. His unbeaten 122 against Afghanistan here on Thursday was his first T20I century.

Speaking to the host broadcaster in the innings break, Kohli dedicated the knock to his wife Anushka Sharma and daughter Vamika.

"The last two and a half years have taught me a lot. I was actually shocked – this was the last format where I thought I would make a century. It was an accumulation of a lot of things (on what was running through his mind after completing the hundred). The team has been open, welcoming and helpful. I know there was a lot of stuff going outside."

"I kissed my ring. You see me standing here because one person has put things in perspective for me. That's Anushka (Sharma). This hundred is for her and for our little daughter Vamika as well.

"When you have someone next to you having conversations to put things in perspective, like Anushka has been... I was grateful for what God has blessed me with, while people were talking about me not getting a hundred. But I looked at how much he has given me already. That really calmed me down and relaxed me. I was just happy to come back. After six weeks off, I was refreshed," Kohli said.

Kohli... joy and relief. •AFP

IOC to suspend India if IOA elections not held by December

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) on Thursday issued a final warning to IOA to "resolve its governance issues" and hold elections by December, failing which the world sports body will ban India.

The executive board of the IOC, which met in Lausanne on Thursday, also decided not to recognise any "acting/interim president" after Narinder Batra's ouster as Indian Olympic Association president and said it will deal with secretary-general Rajeev Mehta as the main point of contact.

"...in view of the ongoing internal disputes, governance shortcomings and ongoing court cases, (IOC Executive Board) took the decision... to issue a final warning and consider the immediate suspension of the NOC of India at the next IOC Executive Board meeting in December 2022 if, by then, the NOC of India is not able to address and resolve its governance issues to the satisfaction of the IOC, in the interest of sport and the athletes."

The IOC letter sent by James McLeod, Director of Olympic Solidarity and NOC Relations, further said: "During this transition period, and given that the IOC does not currently recognise any 'interim/acting president' of the NOC of India, the NOC secretary-general will serve as the main point of contact to coordinate the next steps with the IOC, in close consultation and in agreement with the NOC Executive Council and General Assembly."

The IOC also stated that its Executive Board reserves the right to take any further action at any stage of the process.

The IOC also decided to postpone its session earlier scheduled to be held in Mumbai in May next year.

"In view of the uncertain situation, the IOC Session that is due to take place in Mumbai in May 2023 is postponed until September/October 2023," the letter said.

Solid start by Shaw and Jaiswal

West finishes at 116 without loss on truncated day

DULEEP TROPHY

S. DIPAK RAGAV
CHENNAI

Prithvi Shaw (61 batting) and Yashasvi Jaiswal (55 batting) regaled for West Zone, which finished at a strong 116 for no loss, during the brief time in which play was possible on the opening day of the Duleep Trophy quarterfinal match against North East Zone here at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium on Thursday.

On a gloomy day in the city, overnight rains and poor light followed by brief showers just before the scheduled start of play ensured a delayed start to the day's proceedings.

Eventually, play started at 2.30 p.m., but had to end an hour before the scheduled close of play due to bad light with just 25 overs bowled in the day.

Aggressive approach

Electing to field first, the North East bowlers were put under attack right from the first over. Jaiswal got off in style, pulling pacer Bishworjit Singh for a six over the fine-leg fielder before Shaw punched one through backward-point to pocket 12 off the over.

Jaiswal, who had a dream Ranji Trophy last season – 498 runs from three matches with three centuries – continued from where he left off last season, finding boundaries with ease.

The left-handed Mumbai batter played some delightful backfoot punches off left-arm pacer Rex Rajkumar Singh as he quickly raced to his 20s.

After a watchful start, his fellow Mumbai opener Shaw took centrestage and played in his typically aggressive way.

He was particularly severe on Rex, pulling him for two sixes over fine-leg and then got to his half-century in style with two more consecutive sixes over midwicket.

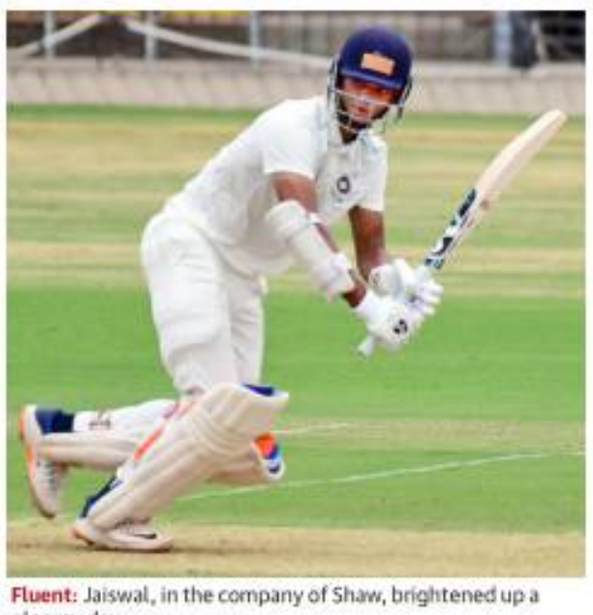
Jaiswal then reached his half-century. Both batters will look to make merry in the coming days against an inexperienced and innocuous bowling attack.

The scores:

West Zone – 1st innings: Prithvi Shaw (batting) 61, Yashasvi Jaiswal (batting) 55; Total (for no loss in 25 overs): 116.

North East Zone bowling: Bishworjit 9-2-28-0, Rex 8-0-58-0, Dippu 6-2-19-0, Kishan Singha 2-0-11-0.

Toss: North East Zone.



Fluent: Jaiswal, in the company of Shaw, brightened up a gloomy day. •K. PICHUMANI

East makes steady progress

Match gets underway after lunch due to inclement weather

S. DINAKAR
PUDUCHERRY

Cricket smarts was in view; so were rain, application and skill.

The truncated opening day of this Duleep Trophy quarterfinal between North and East Zone at the CAP ground saw the latter, inserted under cloudy conditions, progressing to 179 for three on day one.

The smooth stroking Virat Singh was batting on a 43 (87b, 6x4) of composure and flair and skipper Manoj Tiwary was on nine.

Patient Gharami

Earlier, opener Sudip Kumar Gharami (68, 137b, 10x4) impressed with his patience and methods.

Inclement weather meant the match got underway only after lunch.

This was a pitch where you had to accumulate runs, be patient and scoring opportunities would gradually open up.

There was some lift for both Navdeep Saini and Siddharth Kaul and batting required application.

Riyan Parag is a new age batsman adept with his Twenty20 skills, but was sucked out by an away swinger from Saini.

Gharami is a well-organised batsman who has strokes on both sides and plays the ball on its length. Gharami and Anustup Majumdar added 79 for the second wicket.

Majumdar defended off either foot, drove and cut with confidence. A seasoned customer, Majumdar (47, 64b, 7x4) batted with wristy strokes and timing.

Clever tactics

But then, he perished to clever tactics from the North. Observing Majumdar did not quite keep the ball down on a couple of occasions when flicking, North had a fielder stationed at a short mid-wicket.

For the plan to work, Kaul had to pitch the ball on middle and leg and just short of a fuller length. The trap was laid and Majumdar's uppish flick was picked up.

The resolute Gharami eventually fell, caught and bowled to medium-pacer H.J. Rana's change of speed.

The free-flowing Virat, blending application with crisp shots, and skipper Tiwary, have unfinished business.

The scores:

East Zone – 1st innings: Sudip Kumar Gharami c & b Rana 68, Riyan Parag c Malhotra b Saini 8, Anustup Majumdar c Sindhu b Kaul 47, Virat Singh (batting) 43, Manoj Tiwary (batting) 9; (Extras) 4; Total (for three wkts. in 53 overs): 179

Fall of wickets: 1-18, 2-97, 3-156.

North Zone bowling: Kaul 12-3-41-1, Saini 12-3-41-1, Jagjit Singh 11-1-27-0, Sindhu 7-1-28-0, Narang 7-0-29-0, Rana 5-2-11-1.

Toss: North Zone.

Resolute knock: Gharami showed great determination on a difficult pitch. •S.S. KUMAR

First day's play washed out

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LONDON

Rain meant no play was possible on the first day of the third Test between England and South Africa at The Oval on Thursday.

Following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Friday's play has been cancelled.

Overnight downpours delayed the toss and after England captain Ben Stokes opted to bowl first, there was more downpour.

Several bursts of rain throughout the day saw the pitch and square remain fully covered. Play was eventually abandoned for the day.

England had already named its side on Wednesday, giving a debut to Harry Brook.

For South Africa, pacer Lungi Ngidi was sidelined by a hamstring niggle and Wiaan Mulder replaced him. Khaya Zondo was recalled in place of Aiden Markram and spinner Harmer made way for left-arm quick Marco Jansen.

Alcaraz downs Sinner in another epic battle

Tiafoe pulls a fast one on Rublev; Swiatek overcomes errors and Pegula

U.S. OPEN

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
NEW YORK

Carlos Alcaraz battled past Jannik Sinner in five sets to reach the U.S. Open semifinals on Thursday in the latest ever finish in the tournament's 141-year history.

A thrilling five-hour-15-minute duel that finished at 2:50 a.m. local time ended with the 19-year-old Alcaraz claiming a 6-3, 6-7(7), 6-7(0), 7-5, 6-3 victory to advance to a last-four showdown with Frances Tiafoe of the United States on Friday.

Twice in a week

The previous record for the latest finish to a U.S. Open match was 2:26 a.m., which had been set three times before. Incredibly, it was the second early-hours-of-the-morning finish for Alcaraz this week. The Spanish No. 3 seed had edged past Croatia's Marin Cilic in another five-set epic in the fourth round in a match that finished at 2.23 a.m.

Alcaraz got off to a smooth start, taking the first set 6-3. But Sinner recovered from 5-6, 0-40 down to force a tie-break in the second. Alcaraz had a fourth set-point at 7-6 in the tie-breaker, but couldn't stop Sinner from levelling the match 1-1.

Another hard fought battle followed, Alcaraz finally gaining the crucial advantage with a break in the 11th game to take a 6-5 lead. Once again though Sinner remained unflustered.

Sinner looked to be in control in the fourth set after breaking early, but Alcaraz staged another fightback to level at 3-3. Yet the Spaniard's grit went out the window when Sinner broke back immediately, Alcaraz double-faulting on break-point.

That led to Sinner serving for the match at 5-4, and it appeared as if a thrilling duel was about to reach its conclusion when the Italian moved to match-point. But Alcaraz clawed back to leave the score at 5-5. Alcaraz then held and broke to force the fifth-set decider.

Still there was more drama in store in the fifth, with Sinner going a break up. But Alcaraz would not be denied, hitting back with two breaks to set up a remarkable win.

Tiafoe reached his first Grand Slam semifinal by seeing off Andrey Rublev 7-6(3), 7-6(0), 6-4 to move within two wins of becoming the first African-American man in 54 years to win the US Open.

Iga Swiatek reached her third Grand Slam semifinal of 2022 with an error-strewn triumph over Jessica Pegula, the last remaining American woman in the tournament. French Open champion Swiatek claimed a 6-3, 7-6(4) win, her third against Pegula this year.

No stone unturned: Alcaraz had to draw on every ounce of energy to come through another match that lasted into the wee hours. •AFP

THE RESULTS

Quarterfinals: Men: 4-Alcaraz (Esp) bt 11-Sinner (Ita) 6-3, 6-7 (7), 6-7(0), 7-5, 6-3; 22-Tiafoe (USA) bt 9-Rublev 7-6(3), 7-6 (0), 6-4.

Women: 1-Swiatek (Pol) bt 8-Pegula (USA) 6-3, 7-6(4); 6-Sabalenka bt 22-Pliskova (Cze) 6-1, 7-6(4).

Supreme Court to hear BCCI plea on Monday

Board wants to amend its Constitution

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court agreed to urgently hear on Monday a plea by Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to amend its Constitution.

The case has been on the board of a Bench led by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, but adjourned multiple times due to paucity of time.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta requested the court on Thursday to take up the matter soon as the annual general meetings of the BCCI and various State cricketing bodies had to be held without further delay.

"We have to hold the AGMs... we are losing time," pleaded Mehta, appearing for one of the State associations.

The case is significant for the BCCI as the date of amendments may decide the tenures of its president Sourav Ganguly and secretary Jay Shah.

The case, which was originally before former Chief Justice N.V. Ramana's Bench, was recently shifted to the Bench led by Justice Chandrachud.

Justice Chandrachud had dealt with the BCCI case earlier and even written a judgment in the case.

The apex court had, in June, appointed senior advocate Maninder Singh as its new amicus curiae while adjourning the case. Singh had replaced P.S. Narasimha, who was appointed a Supreme Court judge.

The BCCI has urged the court to revise a rule in its new Constitution which mandates that administrators have to go through a three-year cooling-off period after successive years in the BCCI or any State association.

The 'cooling-off period' was a major recommendation made by the Justice R.M. Lodha Committee to reform cricket administration in the country.

LIVE TELECAST

England vs South Africa: 3rd Test, day 2, Sony Six (SD & HD) & LIV, 3.30 p.m.
Durand Cup: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 6 p.m.
Asia Cup: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
US Open: Sony Ten 2, 3 (SD & HD) & LIV, 9.30 p.m. onwards
Bundesliga: Sony Ten 1 (SD & HD) & LIV, 12 a.m. (Saturday)
La Liga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 12.30 a.m. (Saturday)

IN BRIEF

Potter to take over as Chelsea manager

LONDON

Graham Potter was hired as Chelsea manager on Thursday after choosing to leave fellow Premier League team Brighton. Potter replaces Thomas Tuchel, who was fired on Wednesday. The 47-year-old Potter has signed a five-year contract. His appointment might be regarded as a gamble by Chelsea because of Potter's lack of experience coaching at soccer's highest level. AP

Gill hits 92 on English county debut

CARDIFF

India batter Shubman Gill struck a fine 92 on his English county championships debut for Glamorgan against Worcestershire here on Wednesday. Gill faced 148 balls and hit nine fours and a six before being trapped leg before by Ed Barnard. PTI

Barca signs Kiera Walsh for 'World record' fee

BARCELONA

Barcelona on Wednesday announced the signing for a reported World record fee of Manchester City's England Euro 2022 star Keira Walsh. The media estimates the total transfer at €400,000, beating the previous record for a female player, the €350,000 Chelsea paid Wolfsburg to sign Pernille Harder in 2020. AFP

Judy goes to the top

BENGALURU

Karnataka's Judy Alban soared to the top of the women's field with a total pinfall of 2064 at the end of day four of the 31st National Tenpin bowling championship on Thursday.
J. Preemal, also from Karnataka, is placed second with a pinfall of 1920 at the end of 12 games in Round One. Defending Champion Sabeena Athica of Tamil Nadu is third (1898).

Amal nets MEG & Center FC's winner

BENGALURU

M. Amal's 78th minute winner helped MEG & Center FC edge ADE FC 1-0 in the BDFA Super Division football league, here on Thursday.
The results: MEG & Center FC 1 (M. Amal 78) bt ADE FC 0; Kodagu FC 0 drew with FC Deccan 0.

Simran stars in Misaka's win

BENGALURU

Simran Gurung scored a brace as Misaka United FC defeated Maatru Pratishtana FC 3-0 in the Karnataka Women's League football, here on Thursday.
The results: Misaka United FC 3 (Simran Gurung 13, Nisila Majaw 18, 27) bt Maatru Pratishtana FC 0.

Arvind edges out Pranav

BENGALURU

H.T. Arvind defeated Pranav Prabhakar 4-3 (26-18, 01-42, 81-26, 12-45, 50-20, 13-38, 31-22) in a super league match of the Karnataka State-ranking 6Red snooker tournament here on Thursday.
In a women's category match, Vidya Pillai beat Indira Gowda 3-1 (15-35, 46-13, 27-17, 40-25).

Lineysha scorches 200m breaststroke

Bhavya and Siva add to their gold tally; Siddharth bags 3m springboard crown

NATL. AQUATICS

Y.B. SARANGI
GUWAHATI

Karnataka's A.K. Lineysha stunned everyone, including herself, by winning the women's 200m breaststroke crown with a new meet record in the National aquatic championships at the Dr. Zakir Hussain Aquatic Complex here on Thursday.

Lineysha, who will turn 15 in November, clocked 2:39.38 to improve seven seconds over her previous best performance. She went past Saloni Dalal's four-year-old meet record of 2:41.88.

"I never made any record at any level. Now I broke the record at the National championship! I had lost pace after missing training for about a week, earlier this year. I don't know how I did it," said an overwhelmed Lineysha.

Her coach A.C. Jayaraj's rigorous methods, focusing on Lineysha's turns and start, apparently helped the youngster.

Bhavya Sachdeva claimed her second gold, while Siva S. got his third. Bhavya took the 1500m freestyle title, while Siva won the 400m medley.

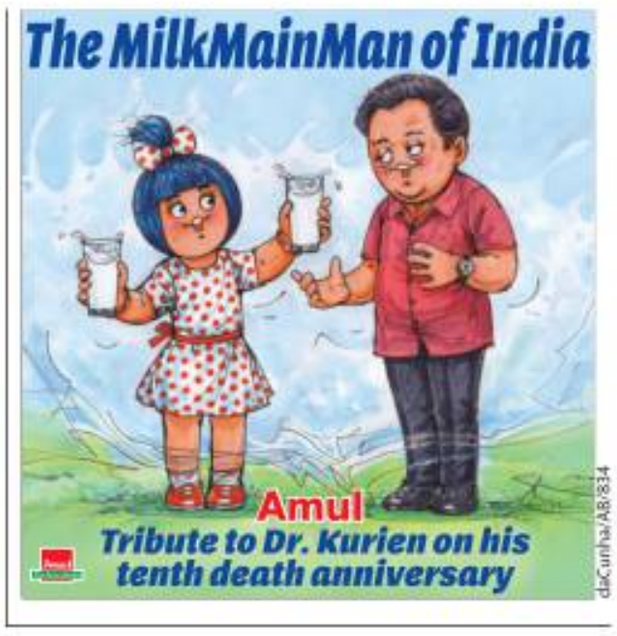
The championship lost some sheen as World junior championships finalist Apeksha Fernandes pulled out in the last minute due to a back issue.

London Singh defeated Siddharth Pardeshi to bag the men's 3m springboard gold.

In the spotlight: Lineysha presents a happy picture after her incredible swim. • RITU RAJ KONWAR

Surging ahead: S.P. Likith swimming to the gold in the men's 200m breaststroke. • RITU RAJ KONWAR

The results: Men: 200m breaststroke: 1. S.P. Likith (SSCB) 2:17.68, 2. Danush Suresh (TN) 2:17.91, 3. M. Lohith (RSPB) 2:21.53; **50m butterfly:** 1. Harsh Saroha (Har) 25.00, 2. Benediction Rohit B. (TN) 25.09, 3. Bikram Changmai (Asm) 25.12; **400m medley:** 1. S. Siva S. (Kar) 4:31.71, 2. Yug Chelani (Raj) 4:39.44, 3. Emil Robin Singh (RSPB) 4:41.48; **4x100m medley:** 1. SSCB 3:47.22 (NMR, Old: Karnataka, 3:48.83, 2019), 2. RSPB 3:51.70, 3. Tamil Nadu 3:54.27.
Women: 50m freestyle: 1. Avantika Chavan (RSPB) 26.65, 2. Shivangi Sarma (Asm) 26.86, 3. Maana Patel (Guj) 26.93; **1500m freestyle:** 1. Bhavya Sachdeva (Del) 17:40.82, 2. Vritti Agarwal (Tel) 17:56.70, 3. Richa Mishra (AIP) 18:24.87; **200m breaststroke:** 1. A.K. Lineysha (Kar) 2:39.38 (NMR, Old: Saloni Dalal, 2:41.88, 2018), 2. Chahat Arora (Pun) 2:42.71, 3. S. Lakshya (Kar) 2:43.87; **50m butterfly:** 1. Divya Satija (Har) 28.57, 2. Nandini Pethkar (Mah) 28.93, 3. Tanishi Gupta (Kar) 29.03; **4x100m medley:** 1. Karnataka 4:33.48, 2. Bengal 4:35.14, 3. Maharashtra 4:35.69.
Diving: Men: 3m springboard: 1. London Singh (SSCB) 279.65, 2. Siddharth Pardeshi (SSCB) 249.85, 3. Utkarsh Joshi (MP) 230.15.



Drithi, Saneeth triumph

The best: Drithi and Saneeth reigned supreme. • STAN RAYAN

BADMINTON

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLENCHERY

Drithi Yatheesh and D.S. Saneeth won the women's and men's singles titles respectively in the Yonex Sunrise South Zone badminton championships here on Thursday.

Drithi beat Karnataka compatriot Rujula Ramu 21-15, 21-13, while D.S. Saneeth took the men's trophy after his State-mate Ayush Shetty retired with cramps when the former was leading 21-18, 11-10.

Other results (finals):
Men: Doubles: Hariharan Amsakarunan & Ruban Kumar (TN) bt H.V. Nithin & Vaibhaav (Kar) 14-7 (retd).
Women: Doubles: Apeksha Nayak & Ramya Venkatesh (Kar) bt Akanksha Matte & Mamaikya Lanka (AP) 21-17, 21-13.
Mixed doubles: H.V. Nithin & Janani Ananthakumar (Kar) bt Rohit R. Jayakumar & Diya Arun, (Ker) 21-19, 22-20.
Under-19: Boys: Tushar Suveer (Kar) w/o Ayush Shetty (Kar).
Doubles: C.H. Chandrajith & Robens Roney (Ker) bt Bhargav Ram Arigela & Viswa Tej Gobburu (AP) 21-9, 21-15.
Girls: V.D. Methini (TN) bt Akanksha Matte (AP) 21-13, 21-19. Doubles: Shreya Balaji & N. Srinidhi (TN) bt C.H. Keerthika & Nayana Oasis (Ker) 21-14, 13-21, 21-13.
Mixed doubles: R. Arulmurugan & N. Srinidhi (TN) bt K. Sathwik Reddy & Vaishnavi Khadkekar (Tel) 23-21, 18-21, 21-16.

SFI taking steps to give diving a facelift

Seeks ASI cooperation in conducting camps and availing infrastructure

Y.B. SARANGI
GUWAHATI

Diving may be a spectacular Olympic sport with a huge fan following, but it is yet to make a mark in India.

After several decades of neglect, the Swimming Federation of India (SFI) is making efforts to build an identity for diving – which has two Arjuna awardees, Bajrangi Prasad (1961) and Manjari Bhargava (1974).

The SFI has urged the Army Sports Institute (ASI), Pune, to host camps so that non-Services divers may avail the facilities on its campus. The federation is also keen to rope in a foreign coach and facilitate International Swimming Federation (FINA) scholarships for Indian divers.

Mayur Vyas, a FINA technical committee member and an international judge who has officiated in the Olympics, outlines how the sport has changed in the last 40-50 years.

"Earlier, only wooden boards were used. The techniques were different. Now the standard has gone up. India has also shown improvement. Our divers are winning medals at Asian junior championships," Vyas told *The Hindu*.

"Siddharth Pardesi has competed in the World championships. He won a FINA scholarship (2019 and trained in Kazan, Russia, for a year). Now, he will train in Canada for a year and compete in a few events. London Singh is another promising diver. We also intend to get sponsorship for a woman diver," he said.

Expensive affair

Infrastructure is a major roadblock in the sport's development. "Only the ASI has proper infrastructure. We have requested them to allow camps to be conducted on their premises so that more divers get the opportunity to use the facilities.

"Building infrastructure is an expensive affair. You need a dry chamber on 18,000-19,000 square feet area with a dry pit. We require other equipment such as trampoline, twisting and somersault belts," he said.

Khalin moves into the lead

Khalin. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

J&K OPEN

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
JAMMU

Bengaluru's Khalin Joshi endured the extremely humid conditions in round two of the J&K Open to produce the day's best score, a top-notch four-under 68, to move up two spots and take a one-shot lead at six-under 138 here on Thursday.

Chandigarh's Yuvraj Singh Sandhu, the first round joint leader, continued to be in contention with a resolute 70 that saw him close the day in second place at five-under 139.

Bangladesh's Jamal Hossain (70) was third at four-under 140.

Zampa shines as Australia seals series

Aussie bowlers keep New Zealand on a leash; Boult & Henry toil in vain

Hitman: Zampa was in his element as the Kiwi batters failed to find their footing. • AFP

NZ IN AUS

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
CAIRNS

New Zealand collapsed to 82 all out in the face of scintillating bowling as Australia won the second One-Day International by 113 runs to seal the Chappell-Hadlee series here on Thursday.

Australia clinched a thrilling opening match on Tuesday by two wickets with the three-match showdown now destined for a dead rubber on Sunday.

Spinner Adam Zampa weaved his magic for five for 35 while paceman Sean Abbott, in the side for the injured Cameron Green, bowled an amazing 28 consecutive dot balls, conceding just one run from five overs with two wickets.

Mitchell Starc chipped in with two for 12 in a comprehensive thrashing with 17 overs to spare.

The scores: Australia 195/9 in 50 overs (Steve Smith 61, Glenn Maxwell 25, Mitchell Starc 38 n.o.; Trent Boult 4/38, Matt Henry 3/33) bt New Zealand 82 in 33 overs (Adam Zampa 5/35).
Toss: New Zealand; MoM: Starc; *Australia won by 113 runs with 17 overs to spare to lead three-match series 2-0.*

CAS reduces wrestler Sumit's sanction

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has reduced the suspension of 2018 Commonwealth Games gold medallist wrestler Sumit Malik, who was handed a two-year sanction, to 17 months.

Sumit, who tested positive for methylhexanamine at the World Olympic Games qualifier in Sofia in May last year, contended that the source of the prohibited substance was a contaminated supplement that he had consumed prior to his bout, which took place a day prior to the date of sample collection. The panel backdated the sanction to the date of sample collection. Now, Sumit's period of ineligibility will end on October 6.

The panel accepted the source of the prohibited substance as the alleged contaminated supplement.

Lewandowski leads Barca romp

Bayern in cruise control; Napoli hammers Liverpool

Hat-trick hero: Lewandowski, centre, goes down low to head in for Barcelona. • AFP

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

AGENCIES
BARCELONA

Robert Lewandowski marked his first Champions League game for Barcelona with a hat-trick as Xavi Hernandez's side thrashed Viktoria Plzen 5-1 at the Camp Nou on Wednesday.

Barca, who failed to get past the group stage last season, also saw Franck Kessie and Ferran Torres score in an accomplished display.

There will be tougher tests to come for the five-time European champion with Bayern Munich and Inter Milan also in Group C.

The Catalans visit the Allianz Arena next Tuesday in a real test of how far they have come in the last 12 months, after Bayern's opening 2-0 win at the San Siro.

Leroy Sane fired Bayern ahead in the 25th minute and Inter defender Danilo D'Ambrosio netted an own goal in the 66th. It was the 19th straight time the German team has won its opening match in the competition.

Napoli claimed a stunning 4-1 win over last season's beaten finalists Liverpool in their opening group game.

It took a goal by Antoine Griezmann 11 minutes into stoppage time to end Atletico Madrid's home struggles in the Champions League after a frenetic finish.

Griezmann found the net with a header off a corner kick in the last play of the match to give Atletico a 2-1 win over Porto at the Metropolitano stadium on Wednesday with all three goals of the game scored after 90 minutes.

The results: Group A: Ajax 4 (Alvarez 17, Berghuis 32, Kudus 33, Bergwijn 80) bt Rangers 0; Napoli 4 (Zielinski 5-pen, 47, Zambo Anguissa 31, Simeone 44) bt Liverpool 1 (Diaz 49).
Group B: Atletico Madrid 2 (Hermoso 90+2, Griezmann 90+11) bt FC Porto 1 (Uribe 90+6-pen); Club Brugge 1 (Sylla 42) bt Bayer Leverkusen 0.
Group C: Barcelona 5 (Kessie 13, Lewandowski 34, 45+3, 67, Torres 71) bt Viktoria Plzen 1 (Sykora 44); Inter Milan 0 lost to Bayern Munich 2 (Sane 25, D'Ambrosio 66-og).
Group D: Eintracht Frankfurt 0 lost to Sporting 3 (Edwards 65, Trincao 67, Santos 82); Tottenham Hotspur 2 (Richarlison 76, 81) bt Marseille 0.

Sasikumar in last eight

INDIANS ABROAD

SPORTS BUREAU

Sasikumar Mukund beat Lorenzo Claverie of Italy 6-3, 6-2 to reach the $25,000 ITF men's tennis quarterfinals in Portugal on Thursday.
Other results: €45,730 Challenger, Cassis, France: Doubles: Quarterfinals: Yuki Bhambri & Saketh Myneni bt Arjun Kadhe & Divij Sharan 6-3, 3-6, [10-6]; **Pre-quarterfinals:** Arjun & Divij bt Gabriel Debru & Matteo Martineau (Fra) 6-2, 7-6(8).
$25,000 ITF men, Cairo: Pre-quarterfinals: Jose Fco. Vidal Azorin (Esp) bt Nitin Kumar Sinha 6-1, 6-0.
$25,000 ITF men, Sintra, Portugal: Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Arthur Fery (GBR) & Sasikumar Mukund bt Christian Langmo (US) & Luca Potenza (Ita) 6-3, 3-6, [10-6].
$15,000 ITF, Monastir: Men: Pre-quarterfinals: Rishab Agarwal bt Bharath Kumaran 6-4, 6-7(5), 7-6(2); Alex Knaff (Lux) bt Yash Chaurasia 6-0, 6-1; Boris Butulija (Srb) bt Karan Singh 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.
Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Luc Koenig & Andreas Scott (GBR) bt Niki Poonacha & Bharath Kumaran 6-3, 6-2.
Women: Doubles: Quarterfinals: Dong Na (Chn) & Jennifer Luikham bt Paula Cembranos & Sophie Luescher (Sui) 4-6, 6-1, [13-11].
$15,000 ITF men, Madrid: Pre-quarterfinals: Sergi Perez Contri (Esp) bt Digvijay Pratap Singh 6-3, 6-3.

India handed a tricky WC draw

HOCKEY

UTHRA GANESAN
NEW DELHI

Host India was handed a tricky draw for the upcoming Hockey World Cup on Thursday, placed alongside European sides England, Spain and Wales in Pool D.

While the Indian men, currently fifth in the world, are the highest-ranked side in the group, they will be wary of England after the last meeting between the two sides.

England managed to score thrice in seven minutes to draw the game after India led 4-1.

Only the pool topper will advance directly to the quarterfinals with the next two having to play cross-over games for a last-eight spot. The draw was held at Bhubaneswar.
The draw:
Pool A: Australia, Argentina, France, South Africa; **Pool B:** Belgium, Germany, Korea, Japan.
Pool C: Netherlands, New Zealand, Malaysia, Chile; **Pool D:** India, England, Spain, Wales.

Mandela well prepped to deliver

MYSURU: Mandela, who has been well prepared, is expected to score in the H.H. Sri Chamaraja Wadiyar Memorial Trophy (1,200m), the main event of the races to be held here on Friday (Sept. 9). False rails (width about 3m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 KUMARADHARA PLATE (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 2-00 p.m.: 1. Fassbinder (8) H. Rathod 61, 2. Impelling Power (3) Sai Kiran 56.5, 3. Vijaya Sarathi (4) Sarvan K 56.5, 4. Spiritual Force (2) Antony 55.5, 5. Country's Song (7) H. Zeeshan 55, 6. D Durga (1) B. Harish 55, 7. Mystical Merlin (6) J. Paswan 55 and 8. Royal Title (5) Ayaz Khan 54.5.
1. SPIRITUAL FORCE, 2. VIJAYA SARATHI, 3. IMPELLING POWER

2 KASARGOD PLATE (2,000m), rated 20 to 45, 2-30: 1. Forest View (3) Hasib A 60, 2. Muirfield (2) S. John 60, 3. Great Hope (6) Antony 59, 4. Lycurgus (5) Vaibhav 58, 5. Eco Friendly (7) H. Rathod 55, 6. Coyote Girl (1) Janardhan P 54 and 7. Lucky Luciano (4) Hindu S 54.
1. MUIRFIELD, 2. LYCURGUS

3 PADDOCK PLATE (1,400m), rated 00 to 25, 3-00: 1. Come Alive (11) Hasib A 62.5, 2. Like My Daddy (10) L.A. Rozario 61, 3. Shivalik Emperor (13) C. Umesh 61, 4. Country's Miracle (6) H. Zeeshan 60.5, 5. Thea's Gift (5) S. John 60.5, 6. Miss China (9) S. Saqlain 59.5, 7. Shivalik Dhanush (12) B. Darshan 59.5, 8. Grand Chevalier (4) Darshan 59, 9. Vijaya Miracle (3) Salman K 59, 10. Angel Dreams (2) Sarvan K 58, 11. Peter Rabbit (8) Gautam Raj 58, 12. Red Hot Chilli (1) Jagadeesh 56.5, 13. Sally's Gift (7) H. Rahul 56 and 14. Swiss Bay (14) Sai Kiran 51.
1. SHIVALIK EMPEROR, 2. LIKE MY DADDY, 3. THEA'S GIFT

4 J.H. FOLEY MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,600m), rated 40 to 65, 3-30: 1. Flash Bond (10) S. Saqlain 62.5, 2. Teresita (8) Shreyas S 62.5, 3. Good Earth (7) Afsar Khan 61, 4. Kensington (6) S. John 61, 5. What Is This (1) H. Rahul 60, 6. Ceffina (4) Hasib A 59, 7. Extraordinary (9) H. Rathod 57, 8. The Inheritor (5) Arvind K 57, 9. D Thirteen Twelve (3) Mukesh K 56.5 and 10. Achook (2) C. Umesh 53.
1. TERESITA, 2. KENSINGTON, 3. WHAT IS THIS

5 H.H. SRI CHAMARAJA WADIYAR MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,200m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 4-00: 1. Eco System (7) H. Rathod 56, 2. Elevado (3) Jagadeesh 56, 3. Eye The Mind (4) Sai Kiran 56, 4. Listen To Me (6) C. Umesh 56, 5. Mandela (11) Hindu S 56, 6. Loch Lomond (2) Trevor 54.5, 7. Meadow Flower (10) B. Harish 54.5, 8. Romantic Heart (9) R. Pradeep 54.5, 9. Shooting Venus (8) Darshan 54.5, 10. Stars Above (5) Antony 54.5 and 11. Udukai (1) S. Saqlain 54.5.
1. MANDELA, 2. LOCH LOMOND, 3. LISTEN TO ME

6 YELAHANKA PLATE (1,200m), rated 80 & above, 4-30: 1. Prince Satsuma (5) Hindu S 61.5, 2. Segera (4) Sai Kiran 56.5, 3. The Sovereign Orb (7) Trevor 56.5, 4. Psychic Warrior (3) J.H. Arul 56, 5. Contributor (6) S. Saqlain 53.5, 6. Gold Field (1) B. Darshan 53.5 and 7. Nothing To Worry (2) B. Harish 50.5.
1. THE SOVEREIGN ORB, 2. SEGERA

7 JOG FALLS PLATE (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 5-y-o & over, 5-00: 1. Eddie The Eagle (9) Hasib A 62.5, 2. Namiki (8) H. Rahul 60.5, 3. Dornish (7) Hindu S 60, 4. March To Victory (12) S. Shareef 59.5, 5. Amazing Safari (2) Saddam H 59, 6. Crimson Fire (3) B. Darshan 59, 7. Wind Power (5) Salman K 57, 8. Socrates (11) B. Harish 56, 9. Beat The Odds (6) Sai Kiran 54.5, 10. Lovely Thoughts (1) Jagadeesh 53.5, 11. Swiss Tigress (4) R. Pradeep 51.5 and 12. Silver Days Again (10) R. Shiva Kumar 50.5.
1. CRIMSON FIRE, 2. BEAT THE ODDS, 3. WIND POWER
Day's best: **THE SOVEREIGN ORB**
Double: **TERESITA – MANDELA**
Jkt: 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; Tr (i): 2, 3 and 4; (ii): 5, 6 and 7.